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Francis Close

AUBURN — Francis A. Close, 80, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Close retired from Dana Corp. in 1982 and was a lifetime farmer.

He was born Dec. 10, 1919, in DeKalb County.

He married DeEtta Culbertson on March 21, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Martha Close, and Jack A. Close Sr. and Debra Close, all of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Michael Bauman, Judy and Jim Pepple and Linda and Bud Handshoe, all of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Grace Danner

AUBURN — Grace B. Danner, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Danner was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 14, 1908, in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Conrad S. Danner, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, C. Arnold and Joyce Danner of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosemary T. Hoff of Greenfield, and Marcella and Joe Gerig of Auburn; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A son-in-law, Eugene Hoff, preceded her in death last week.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception or St. Michael's Catholic churches.

Mabel Alleshouse

ANGOLA — Mabel J. Alleshouse, 93, died at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Carlin Nursing Home, Angola.

She was born Sept. 14, 1906, in Steuben County to Pierre and Jenny (Sams) Kiles. On May 21, 1932, in Steuben County, she married Russell L. Alleshouse, who survives.

She owned and operated a flower shop, taught guitar, and worked at the Grant Furniture Store in LaGrange.

Surviving also are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Thora Grant, Thelma Shank and Lora Fair and one brother, Allison Kiles.

Services were held at noon today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with burial in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Flint Cemetery Association.

Ruth Shoda

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth E. Shoda, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at 11:37 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at the hospital for more than two weeks.

Mrs. Shoda was employed at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for over 17 years, retiring as an inspector in 1980. She was a member of Churubusco's Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136. She lived at Blue Lake near Churubusco before moving to Columbia City in 1988. She returned to Churubusco in 1991.

She was born June 3, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Jasper and Myrtle (Kirk) Jetmore.

She married A. Henry Shoda on Sept. 19, 1936. He died April 19, 1990.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith E. and Donna Shoda of Auburn, and Steven H. and Patricia Shoda of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Lee Bonar of Green Center; 12

grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sonora Shoda; a brother, Henry Jetmore; and a sister, Beulah Bolinger.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home. The Churubusco Order of Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Ruth Stebing

AUBURN — Ruth Maxine Stebing, 78, of Auburn, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at 4 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Stebing was the owner and operator of the Beauty Station for 24 years, retiring in 1984. She was a 1957 graduate of Fort Wayne Beauty College. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 103 and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born June 15, 1921, in Corunna to Alvin and Lois (Stafford) Casselman.

She married George J. Stebing on June 17, 1939, in Kendallville. He died in 1997.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry Stebing of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jeanne Burns of Auburn and Judy Park of Defiance, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

One daughter, Joyce, and two brothers, Arlo and Winfred Casselman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care & Hospice.



Freida Griswold

FORT WAYNE — Freida M. Griswold, 81, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at 10 a.m. in her Fort Wayne home.

Mrs. Griswold was a homemaker. She was a member of American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary and the Leo United Methodist Church.

She was born March 6, 1918, in DeKalb County to Goldia (Baker) and Fred Marlof Sr.

She married Elmore Griswold on Oct. 9, 1937, in Leo. He died in 1980.

Surviving her are one son, Melvyn "Mel" Griswold of Hometown; one daughter and son-in-law, Marieda and Tim Smead of Fort Wayne; one brother, Fred Marlof of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Mitchell, preceded her on Oct. 28, 1977.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. John Newberg officiating. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Leo United Methodist Church music department, or Ronald McDonald House.

Henry Van Nyhuis

AUBURN — Henry J. Van Nyhuis, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

He was a farmer and worked in a cooperative elevator for 20 years in Sheldon, Iowa. He was a member of the Morning Kiwanis Club in Sheldon, and served on the board of the First Reformed Church in Sheldon. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1942 to 1945.

He married Doris Brinkman, who preceded him in death.

Surviving him are three daughters, Linda Zlott of Yreka, Calif., Bev Holwerda of Auburn; and Barbara Hofmeyer of Auburn; one son, Dennis Van Nyhuis of Sioux City, Iowa; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First Reformed Church in Sheldon. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery, Sheldon.

Calling is Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in Vander Ploeg Funeral Home, Sheldon.

A family prayer service will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Elizabeth Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth M. Clark, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Kendallville.

She was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Helmer to Noah and Lulu (Dillman) Emerick. On Feb. 22, 1934, in Angola, she married Clyde Clark, who died in 1955.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Kendallville for two years. She was a former member of the United Brethren church.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Emerson and Beverly Emerick of Churubusco.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. today in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Charles Rodman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Charles LeRoy Rodman, 92, died at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 11, 1907, in Frogtown in Noble County to James Franklin and Eva Mae (Hanson) Rodman, and was the oldest of 20 children. On Sept. 11, 1945, he married Berniece A. Woodruff, and she preceded him in death. On Nov. 10, 1959, he married Mary A. (Randol) Leguire, and she died Dec. 20, 1986.

He came to Wolcottville from rural Avilla and had lived in Noble County most of his life.

Mr. Rodman was a farmer and logger and had been an employee of Wolcottville Elevator & Grain for 33 years. He was a 25-year member of the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are one son and one daughter-in-law, Michael A. and Louise Rodman of Kendallville; two stepsons, Amos Randol of Hamilton and Raymond Randol of Garrett; six stepdaughters, Joann Kovets and Elizabeth "Bette" Campbell of LaOtto, Sharon Svoboda of Avilla, Karen Wirick of Cosperville; Nancy Frain of Auburn, and Katherine Swonger of Garrett; one granddaughter, Crystal L. Rodman of Kendallville; one great-granddaughter, Kimberly Dawn Vanderpool of Kendallville; three brothers, Howard Rodman of Ligonier, Ralph Rodman of Cromwell and Kenneth Rodman of Corunna; and three sisters, Mary Keller of Kendallville, and Wava Duckworth and Pauline Meyers of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Ruby Scott

COLEMAN, Texas — Ruby Helen Scott, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at 9:45 p.m. in Brownwood Regional Hospital at Brown, Texas.



Scott

Mrs. Scott was retired from the Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., and lived in Garrett before moving to Coleman, Texas, 2½ years ago. She was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born April 29, 1921, in Churubusco to Elmer and Nellie (Simons) Evans.

She married Kenneth Claude Scott on May 17, 1941, in Napoleon, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mary Allen of Coleman; two sisters, Betty Raypole of Fort Wayne and Genevieve Thompson of Churubusco; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A son and a grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Leah Ferrier

HAMILTON — Leah Ilia Ferrier, 75, of Hamilton, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Bryan Hospital in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Ferrier was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Wendel, Pa., to Dominico and Gavainnia (Mantaoyiani) Celio.

She married Denver R. Ferrier, who preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Peggy Lee Stella of Angola and Kathy Lynn Lewis of Hamilton; a son, Charles E. Shaffer of Rockford, Ill.; one brother, Antonio Celio of Wendel, Pa.; five sisters, Lena Lahosky of Jeanette, Pa., Helen Martino of Trafford, Pa., Lunda Cottrell of Erwin, Pa., Angelina Blazwich of McKeesport, Pa., and Betty Guy of Jeanette, Pa.; and nine grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a stepson, Terry Ferrier in 1983; a brother, Gigo Celio; and one grandson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Willard McKinley officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Steuben County.

Opal Maugherman

ANGOLA — Opal Maugherman, 87, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Maugherman was a homemaker. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church, Metz, and the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1912, in Montgomery, Mich., to Garlyn and Lura Mabel (Seiple) Firestone.

On April 12, 1953, she married Grant Maugherman. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Esther Smith of Hartselle, Ala., Leora Weber of Waynesboro, Pa., and Grace Fansler of Fremont; and two brothers, Floyd Firestone of Angola, and Paul Firestone of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Warren and Lloyd Firestone.

Services were conducted this morning at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Burial was in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Joalene Sizemore

STROH — Joalene (Everage) Sizemore, 60, died at 4:35 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill for four months.

She was born Jan. 13, 1939, in Emmalena, Ky., to Daniel and Sadie (Godsey) Everage.

Mrs. Sizemore had worked for Carriage in Millersburg. She attended Stroh Church of God in Stroh. She had lived in Stroh for 50 years, moving there from Kentucky.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose Ann Sizemore and Della Mae Sizemore, both of Stroh; six sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Louise) Mullins of Wolcottville, Mrs. Don (Mildred) Ritchie of Middlebury, Wilma Hayward of Hudson, Mrs. Jim (Ada Mae) Everidge of Stroh; Mrs. Larry (Betty) Jackson of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Ron (Nan) Everidge of Stroh; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Joe and Polly Everage Jr. of Rome City, Donald Everage of Pippas Passes, Ky., Daymon and Blanche Everage of Emmalena, Ky., and Dana and Sandy Everage of Wawaka.

Mrs. Sizemore was preceded in death by three brothers, Sidney Everage, Jimmy Everage and Mitchell Everage.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Hindman Funeral Home, Hindman, Ky., with the Rev. Archie Everage and the Rev. Ricky Smith officiating. Burial will be in Everage Cemetery, Emmalena, Ky.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday in Hindman Funeral Home, Hindman, Ky.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Leukemia Society.



Frederick DeHaut

GARRETT — Frederick J. DeHaut, 75, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at 3:15 p.m. in the VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. DeHaut worked as a plumber for Union Local 166 in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Garrett Eagles and Elks lodges, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He was born July 14, 1924, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to David and Anna (Pahler) DeHaut.

He married Carol J. Sleek on May 13, 1970, in Rockville, Md. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Joey DeHaut of Wilkes-Barre; one daughter, Joan Durst of Wilkes-Barre; two stepdaughters, Doris Jarnigan of Auburn and Bonnie Bunn of Garrett; a stepson, Robert Sleek of Garrett; a brother, Bernard DeHaut of Gaithersburg, Md.; a sister, Catherine Shambley of Gaithersburg; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, George DeHaut and Romeo DeHaut, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with military graveside services by Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the VFW.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Rowena Weller

ANGOLA — Rowena I. Weller, 78, of Angola, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Weller worked in housekeeping at Tri-State College and for ILC in Fremont.

She was born April 5, 1921, in Steuben County to Francis and Ethel (Slick) Wyatt.

She married James E. Weller on Jan. 27, 1945. He died Aug. 5, 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Morgan of Fremont and Kathleen Florentine of Angola; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her brother, Max Wyatt, in 1997.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Fremont Cemetery with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

GREENVILLE, Ill. — **Ila L. Trout**, 81, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Calling is from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jack G. Shanabarger**, 73, a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

WAWAKA — **Glen Dotson**, 53, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Carl Mason

AUBURN — Carl Lee Mason, 61, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000 at his home on Douglas Street in Auburn.

Mr. Mason worked for the Auburn Parks Department and the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States.

He was born March 2, 1938, in Butler.

He married Connie Boyd on Aug. 28, 1962, in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Rhoda Kinney of Auburn; a daughter, Tammy Moulder of Scipio, Ind.; two brothers, Floyd Mason of Auburn and John Mason of Corunna; one half-sister and one half-brother; and three grandchildren, Tami, Christian and Jeffery.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the family.

David Swant

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — David E. Swant, 49, died Dec. 23, 1999.

He was a retired corporate vice president of human resources for Computer Product Inc. in Boca Raton, Fla. He lived in Florida for 27 years, and formerly lived in Auburn.

Surviving him are his parents, Edwin and Helen Swant of Margate, Fla.; two daughters, Staccie Anne Allen and Shannon Leigh Swant, both of Gainesville, Fla.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Margate, with entombment in Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Kraeer Margate Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Virgil Oswalt Jr.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind. — Virgil Francis "Junior" Oswalt Jr., 61, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at 2:30 a.m. in his Hartford City home.

He was former co-owner and operator of Northside Lanes in Hartford City from February 1978 to Jan. 1, 2000. He owned and operated the Pizza King in Auburn from 1968 to 1978.

He graduated from Hartford City High School in 1957. He was a member of Blackford Masonic Lodge 105, F.&A.M., the Moose Lodge, and Elks Lodge 625.

He was born in Warren in Huntington County. His mother, Goldia (Melick) Starr, survives in Pennville. His father, Virgil Francis Oswalt Sr., died in 1976.

He married Patricia Lee Fesler on Jan. 27, 1968, in Grace United Methodist Church, Hartford City, and she survives.

Surviving him are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Todd Williams and Teresa Oswalt of Canyon Lake, Texas, Brian Francis Oswalt of Hartford City, and Bradley J. and Jenny Oswalt of Hartford City; one daughter and her friend, Jennifer Jo Kraus and Paul Kraus of Hartford City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cecil "Bud" and Patty Oswalt of Montpelier, Ind., and Wilford "Bus" and Marilyn Oswalt of Muncie; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth and Clyde Rogers of Pennville, Frances Medler of Butler, and Shirley and Charles Bole of Hartford City; a half-brother, Phillip Oswalt of Muncie; a half-sister, Carol Lee Reed of Plant City, Fla.; a stepmother, Betty Oswalt of Muncie; three grandchildren, Megan, Haley and Hannah Oswalt; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dorwin E. Oswalt, on May 27, 1985, and a sister, Sally Dubois.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. William G. Pieper will officiate.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, 500 N. High St., Hartford City, or Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 300 S. Angling Pike, Hartford City.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Stella W. Hollopeter, 81, died Friday in Terre Haute. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Helen Smith, 78, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at the church one hour before services Thursday.

AVILLA — Monzelle A. Buchanan, 87, died Friday in Fort Myers, Fla. Services are pending in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

NORTH WEBSTER — Tyler Nicholas Byrer, 8 weeks, nephew of a Kendallville resident, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Charles M. Lower, 53, a former Kendallville resident, died Thursday in Allentown, Pa. Private memorial services will be held in Kendallville. No calling.

KIMMELL — Josephine LeMieux, 79, of Kimmell, died Monday. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — Edna M. Targgart, 86, of Ligonier, died Monday. Services 1:30 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

CELINA, Ohio — Mary L. Meyer, 89, of Celina, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at W.H. Dick & Sons Funeral Home in Celina. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

WOODBURN — Ann F. Sieger, 52, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, with calling an hour before services. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Deaths/Funerals

Howard Dove

AUBURN — Howard Lee Dove, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at Sunny Meadows Farm near Auburn.

Mr. Dove was a general foreman at Magnavox Co. in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1984. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a member of American Legion Post 303 and Magnavox Management Club.

He was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Bertha (Straub) Dove.

He married Betty Hiser on Aug. 15, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She died July 2, 1997.

Surviving him are two sons, Ronnie of Auburn and Larry of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Terry Fike of Auburn; one sister, Thelma Woodward of New Haven; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Wanda and Freida, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association or Allen County Cancer Society.

Gerold Speaker

AUBURN — Gerold L. Speaker, 51, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at 2:01 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Jan. 29, 1948, to George J. and Lily Speaker.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Reynold and DeWayne, and one sister, Barbara.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Wayne Openlander officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Steve Winslow

WATERLOO — Steve R. Winslow, 45, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Woodbridge Motel in Waterloo.

Mr. Winslow worked as a carpenter and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was born Jan. 20, 1953, in Buffalo, Minn., to Kenneth B. and Arlys J. (Paulson) Winslow.

He is survived by two daughters, Kathrina Winslow and Brittney Winslow, both of New York, and one cousin, Merle Winslow of South Bend.

There will be no calling or services. Arrangements were made by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Janet Farrell

SPENCERVILLE — Janet A. Farrell, 60, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at 7:40 a.m. in her Spencerville home.

She worked for Lake End Sales in New Haven.

She was born July 11, 1939, in Kendallville to Everett and Delores (Nelson) Dukes. Her mother survives.

She married Arthur Farrell on Aug. 25, 1958, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1995.

Also surviving her are three sons, Mark of Ligonier, and Gregg and Edward, both of Spencerville; two daughters, Tina Kirkman of Spencerville and Barbara Trimmer of Fort Wayne; one brother, Richard Dukes; and seven grandchildren.

One daughter, Carol, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Darwin Dunten of the Hopewell United Brethren Church officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Health Care & Hospice, or Allen County United Way.

Claudine Kline

HUDSON — Claudine Faye (Fisher) Kline, 72, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at 5:06 p.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Kline was a homemaker and lived in Hudson. She was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church, Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Garrett Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Goshen to Claude and Katherine (Gillen) Fisher. They preceded her in death.

She married Howard Albert Kline on Dec. 30, 1946, in Garrett. He died Oct. 9, 1975.

Surviving her are two sons, Garold L. Kline of Pleasant Lake, and Michael H.C. Kline of Hudson; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department.

Leah Ferrier

HAMILTON — Leah Ilia Ferrier, 75, of Hamilton, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Bryan Hospital in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Ferrier was a homemaker. She was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Wendel, Pa., to Dominico and Gavainnia (Mantaoyiani) Celio.

She married Denver R. Ferrier, who preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1980.

Surviving are a son, Charles E. Shaffer of Rockford, Ill.; two daughters, Peggy Lee Stella of Angola and Kathy Lynn Lewis of Hamilton; one brother, Antonio Celio of Wendel, Pa.; five sisters, Lena Lahosky of Jeanette, Pa., Helen Martino of Trafford, Pa., Lunda Cottrell of Irwin, Pa., Angelina Blazwich of McKeesport, Pa., and Betty Guy of Jeanette, Pa.; and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a stepson, Terry Ferrier in 1983; a brother, Gigo Celio; and one grandson.

Services were today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Willard McKinley officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Steuben County.

Louis Campbell

ANGOLA — Louis B. Campbell, 56, of Angola, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Campbell was a former plant manager for Fiberlite in Ohio and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born July 1, 1943, in Michigan.

He married Lori Shumaker on March 26, 1994. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott and Roy, both of South Bend; a daughter, Tammy Campbell of South Bend; and two stepsons, Jeremy and Michael Miller, both of Angola.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Monzella A. Buchanan**, 87, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there two hours before services.

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Joseph Armitage

AUBURN — Joseph V. Armitage, 59, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at 10:38 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Armitage worked at the Auburn Foundry, retiring on Dec. 1, 1999. He was a member of GMP Local 322 and the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

He was born Nov. 7, 1940, in Washington, D.C., to Elizabeth Lefebvre.

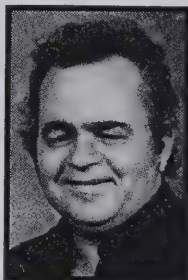
He married Joyce G. Fernatt on March 20, 1961, in North Carolina. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina DePriest of Auburn; three sons, Joseph, Thomas and Vincent, all of Auburn; one brother, Roger Lefebvre of Massachusetts; one sister, Dee Lima of Tennessee; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One son, William Thomas, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.



Armitage

Charles Sloffer

CHURUBUSCO — Charles W. Sloffer, 50, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at 7 p.m. at his home south of Ari. He had been ill for the past two years.

Mr. Sloffer graduated in 1968 with the last class at Huntertown High School, and served a three-year apprenticeship with General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. He was employed at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for several years, then worked as a tool-and-die maker at J.&A. Machine Inc. in Garrett for 10 years. He lived in Denver, Colo., and Auburn before moving to Eel River Township in 1985.

He was born Dec. 7, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Everett W. and Dorothy (Offord) Sloffer.

He married Patricia Eagle on July 31, 1971, in DeKalb County, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Zachary and Justin, both at home; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Lee and Karen Sloffer of Huntertown, Arthur and Deena Sloffer of Decatur, Keith and Constantina Sloffer of Fort Wayne, and Neil P. and Nicole Sloffer, also of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Terrell, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County Inc., Fort Wayne.

Dale Danning

ANGOLA — Dale Danning, 74, of Angola, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Danning was a farmer and a member of the Lake Gage Congregational Church and the Orland post of the American Legion. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Daniel and Audrey (Wiggins) Danning.

On Nov. 28, 1952, he married Dessie (Jaquay) Danning, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Carl of Angola, and Terry of Avilla; three daughters, Elaine Williams of Angola, Rose Owsley of Fremont, and Barbara Castner of Angola; four sisters, Wava Hanna of Canton, Mich., Marian Elder of Russell, Kan., Myrtle Ellen Bernhart of Auburn, and Betty I. Smith of Angola; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, DeWayne, in 1971, and two brothers, Daniel and Robert.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, with a military graveside service by the Orland American Legion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



Velma Ickes

PLEASANT LAKE — Velma R. Ickes, 85, a life-long Pleasant Lake resident, died Jan. 4, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ickes was a homemaker and attended the New Life Worship Center in Angola. She was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School.

She was born Dec. 26, 1914, in Albion, Mich., to Errett and Viola (Davis) Timmons.

On Aug. 15, 1934, she married Jesse Ickes, who preceded her in death on July 27, 1970.

Surviving are two sons, George of Angola and Steven of Pleasant Lake; five daughters, Mary Lou Garman and Shirley Kuncze, both of Kendallville; Ruth Ann Koch of Velencia, Venezuela, Frances Mavis of Farmer, Ohio, and Marjorie Cope; and 27 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, David Garman; a brother, Edward Timmons; a sister, Addie Timmons; and a great-grandson, Bradley Blaskie.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Sims officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Life Worship Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

Wilmer Wagler Jr.

SARASOTA, Fla. — Wilmer "J.R." Wagler Jr., 30, of Sarasota, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at 1:35 a.m. in Cleveland University Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio.

He attended school in Mark Center, Ohio, and in Florida. He enjoyed the outdoors, played golf and participated in cystic fibrosis fund-raisers.

He was born July 26, 1969, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Wilmer and Betty Wagler. They survive in Sarasota.

Also surviving him are six brothers, Danny of Auburn, Bill of Mark Center, Menno of Hudson, Joe of Sarasota, James of Fremont, and Michael "Mick" of Hamilton; three sisters, Mary Crites of Hicksville, Hulia Wagler of Nashville, Tenn., and Hannah Weaver of Myakka City, Fla.

One sister, Elizabeth, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hicksville Mennonite Church. Pastors Mel Shetler and Steve Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is tonight after 6 p.m. and Friday after 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Children's Lung Foundation, 2300 Overlook Road #406, Cleveland Heights OH 44106.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Moore

COVINA, Calif. — Wanda Naomi Moore, 79, died Dec. 24, 1999, in Covina, Calif. She was a former Fort Wayne resident.

She was born July 20, 1920, in Grabill to Joseph and Eva Mae (Hollopeter) Neuhouser.

She married Harold M. Moore on Feb. 17, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. He died March 22, 1972.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Max J. Moore Sr. and Sandra Moore of Walnut, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marna Jo and Richard Worman of Leo; a granddaughter and her husband, Dawnette and Glen Thompson of southern California; a grandson and his wife, Max J. Moore Jr. and Linda Moore of southern California; two great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

One brother, Warren Neuhouser, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Leo United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Jean Brindel will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-9 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the music department of Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo IN 46765.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — Wayne Clark Burris, 57, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Grace Brethren Church, 4619 Stellhorn Road. Calling 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

LAGRANGE — James W. Sisson, 41, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — Margaret W. Chrisman died Tuesday. Graveside memorial services at a later date. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Campbell

BUTLER — Robert L. Campbell, 94, of Butler, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Campbell was a former resident of Corunna. He was a farm laborer and a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co.

He was born in Fairfield Township on Feb. 16, 1905, to Frank W. and Elmyra (Buchanan) Campbell.

He is survived by a daughter, Virginia Congleton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and one step great-grandson.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter of Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling is from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Dean Inman

ANGOLA — Dean E. Inman, 77, of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Inman served with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He worked at General Electric and was a tool and die maker in the engineering department for Magnavox, retiring in 1985. For 12 years, he was the owner of Kay's Poultry and Frozen Foods. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 31, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Elmer and Alvina (Posel) Inman.

On Aug. 30, 1941, he married Marjorie Inman, who survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, Larry Dean Inman of Garrett, Timothy Kevin Inman of Fort Wayne, Brian Keith Inman of Fort Wayne, and Christopher Kent Inman of Angola; four daughters, Julia Triftshauser of Montgomery, Ala., Marilyn Robinett of Pleasant Lake, Joyce Murden of Leo, and Margaret Hill of Ashley; two brothers, Roy Inman of Columbia City and Arnold Inman of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jerry Robinett and Laura Inman; a sister, Joann Miller; and a brother, Charles Inman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside rites by the Angola post of the American Legion.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

James Minogue

IRVINGTON, Va. — James Alexander Minogue, 87, died Dec. 20, 1999, in Irvington, Va.

He was a graduate of Duluth State Teachers College and Clark University, with post-graduate education in urban and regional planning at George Washington University. He retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency, was a World War II veteran, and retired as a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

He was an avid conservationist and gardener. He was active after retirement with the North American Rock Garden Society, which he served as national president; Belle Grove Plantation, Virginia Native Plant Society, Blandy Farm, and Samuels Public Library in Front Royal, Va.

Mr. Minogue was born Nov. 8, 1912, in Duluth, Minn., to Lewis and Jennie (MacMillan) Minogue.

His first wife, Adelaide Emley Minogue, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife, Margaret Spaven Minogue; four daughters, Mary Anna Entwisle of Auburn, Sarah M. Weitzel of Kansas City, Mo., Lucy M. Rowland of Athens, Ga., and Jennifer E. Minogue of Puslinch, Ont.; two granddaughters, Julia E. Derloshon of Lisbon, Iowa, and Hannah F. Entwisle of Auburn; a brother, Robert L. Minogue of Cloquet, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Evelyn Kaslin, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date in Front Royal.

Memorials are to Foundation of the State Arboretum, Blandy Farm, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce VA 22620 and Lancaster Community Library, 235 School St., Kilmarnock VA 22480.

Currie Funeral Home Inc., Kilmarnock, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Rose

ANGOLA — Helen L. Rose, 85, of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Rose, a homemaker, was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary in Bonita Springs, Fla.

She was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Auburn to Henry and Ada (Van Camp) Moore.

On Sept. 29, 1934, she married Willard C. Rose, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Connie Haynes of Pleasant Lake; a brother, William Moore of Auburn; a sister, Bonnie Neubauer of Albion; a son-in-law, Duane Harmon of Fremont; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Miller of Angola; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bernard Rose; a daughter, Judy Harmon; and a sister, Dorothy Thomas.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Ruth Ellwanger

HOLLAND, Mich. — Ruth Carrington Sheets Ellwanger, 58, of Holland and formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at Naples Community Hospital, Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Ellwanger was a homemaker and a member of the Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. She also was a member of the Anchorage Yacht Club, Holland; the Grand Haven Golf Club, Holland; the Detroit Yacht Club, Detroit; the Detroit Golf Club, Detroit; the Bar Colony Golf Club, Naples; the Sycamore Hills Country Club, Fort Wayne; and the Fort Wayne Country Club, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 30, 1941, in Durham, N.C., to George and Ruth (Carrington) Crain.

On Nov. 28, 1998, she married Bruce Ellwanger, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Sheets of Holland; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Terry Crick of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Abigail Crick of Indianapolis; two brothers, Gardner Sharpe of Sarasota, Fla., and Tucker Sharpe of Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Elizabeth Holt of Winter Park, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Sheets, on Aug. 3, 1987, and by her second husband, Harley Graham, in February 1997.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Weicht Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Hontz officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Paul Ott**, 62, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Bräzzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

KENDALLVILLE — **Joyce E. Buckles**, 58, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Jack A. VanWagner**, 52, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in South Milford Church of Christ, South Milford. Calling from noon-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Juanita Antonio

AUBURN — Juanita A. Antonio, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, at her home on County Road 60. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Antonio was born Oct. 16, 1918, in Drakesboro, Ky.

She married Edward Antonio on Oct. 22, 1949, in Chicago. He died April 21, 1991.

Surviving her are one daughter, Linda Palubicki of Auburn; three grandchildren, Renee, Wendy and Diana Palubicki; and one great-grandchild, Jordan Marie Kruse.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will take place at a later date in California.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Georgianna Dudding

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. — Gergiana "Georgie" Dudding, 70, of St. Joseph, Mich., died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000.

She was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Kendallville. On June 3, 1948, in Kendallville she married Richard L. Dudding, who survives.

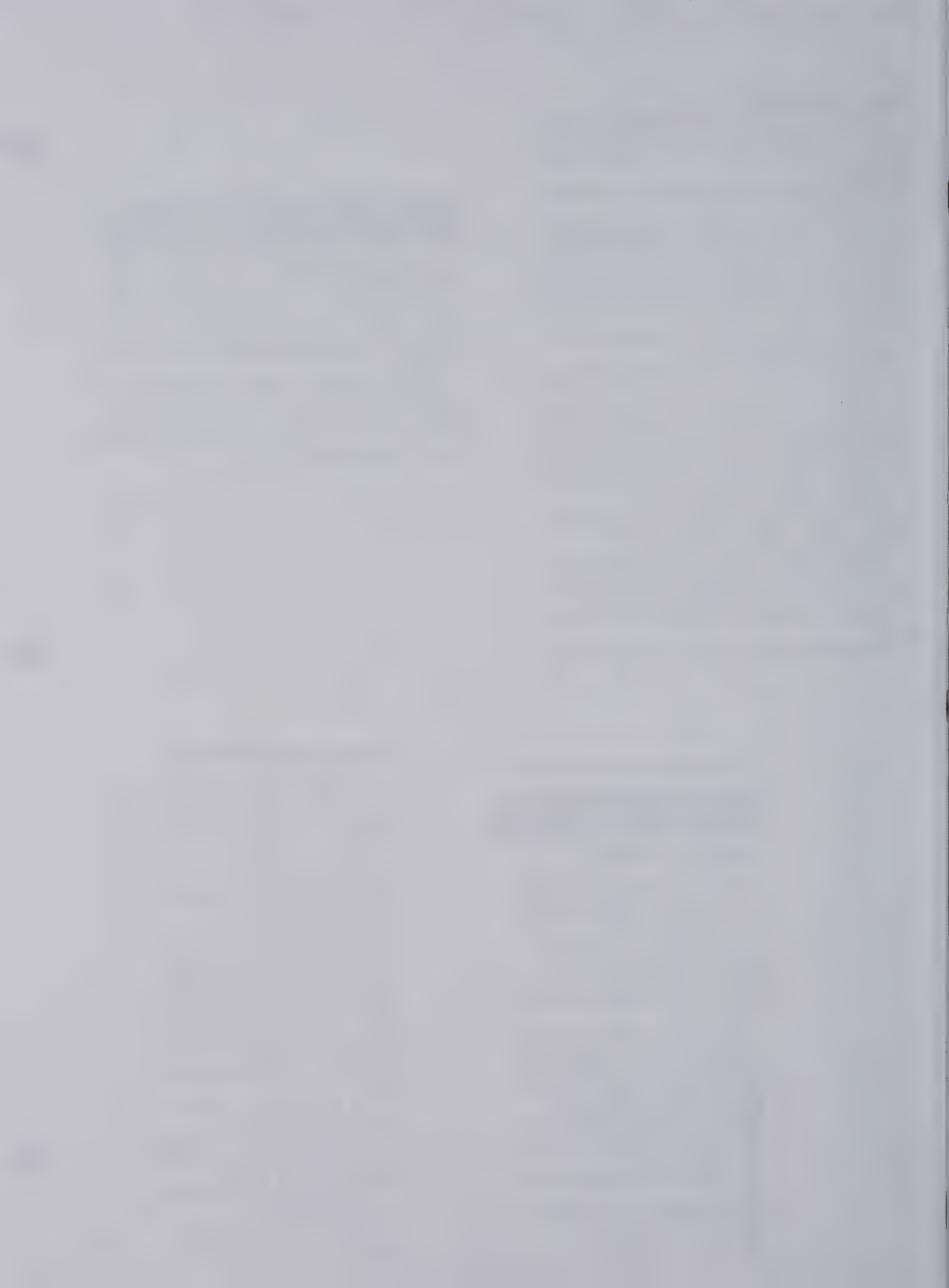
Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Mary Dudding of St. Joseph; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan Rohdy of Dowagiac, Mich., Sarah and Thomas Rose of Newburgh, and Catherine and Marc Mavis of St. Joseph; a brother, Jon T. Ley of Louisville, Ky.; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Hornett.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kerley & Starks Funeral Home, St. Joseph.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice at Home.



John Scott

WOLF LAKE — John Hudson Scott, 74, of Noble Township in Noble County, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at 2:25 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been admitted to the hospital Jan. 1.

Mr. Scott attended Washington Center School and graduated with the Class of 1944 from Wolf Lake High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged Dec. 14, 1946.

He was a farmer in Noble Township, and worked 10 years at Monsanto and later at Wickes Lumber in Hometown for more than 17 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church and Wolf Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717.

He was born Aug. 29, 1925, in Columbia City, to Archie Allen and Ruth Amanda (Beers) Scott.

He married Evelyn L. Oliver on Dec. 14, 1946. She died May 4, 1989.

He married Marceil McDowell Wiley on April 14, 1990, and she survives at their home in Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are three sons,

Roger L. of Weston, Neb., Tommy A. of Statesville, N.C. and Bradley E. of Albion; two stepsons, Rob Wiley of Auburn and Allen Wiley of Albion; one stepdaughter, April Billings of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Joe Scott of Winimac and Bob Scott of Ligonier; one sister, Nila Bennett of Tri Lakes; 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Scott.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, with Pastor Wray McCalester officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery, with a military graveside service by VFW Post 4717.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Paul Ott

AVILLA — Paul Ott, 62, of Avilla, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, in Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla.

He was born July 6, 1937, in Avilla to Harley and Alma (Weimer) Ott. On Oct. 15, 1960, in St. Jude's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, he married Barbara Conrad. She survives.

Mr. Ott, a lifetime Avilla resident, was retired from Dana in Fort Wayne in March 1995 after 39 years of service. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sherri Koegler of Avilla; two sons, Ken Ott of Avilla, and Steve Ott of Bedford, N.H.; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ray (Jean) Leffel of Kendallville, June Ott of Avilla, and Mrs. John (Ruthann) Seidel of Kendallville; and two brothers, Harold Ott of Fort Wayne, and Larry Ott of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tim Ott, and a brother, Lee Ott.

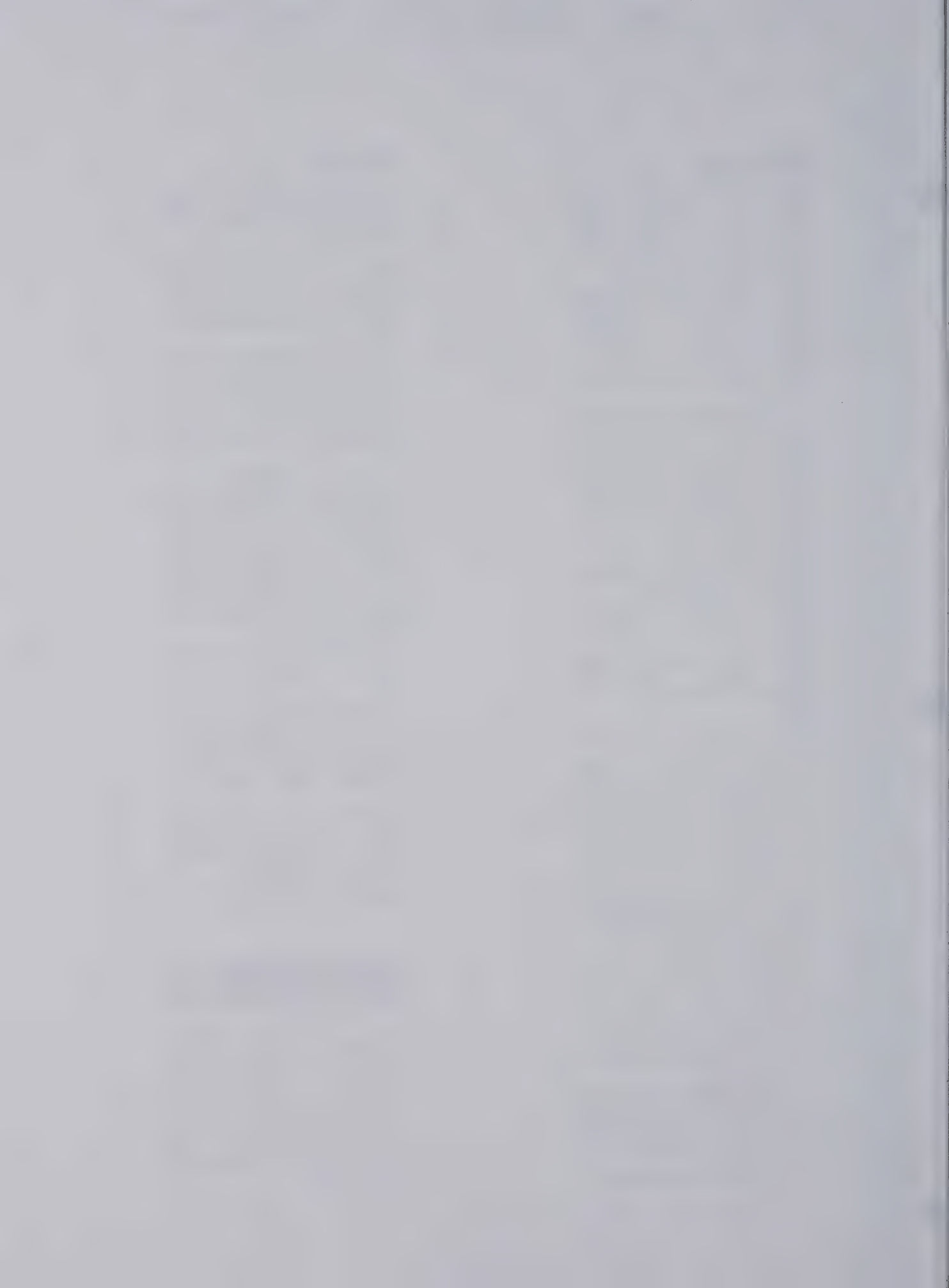
Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour before services Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wayne T. Jennings, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000. Services will be Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and a Masonic service there at 5 p.m. Graveside service will be Monday at 1 p.m. CST at Washington Street Cemetery, Casey, Ill.



Deaths/Funerals

Betty Mayne

WATERLOO — Betty P. Mayne, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, in Auburn.

Miss Mayne worked as a secretary for Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1978. She attended Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Stitch & Chatter Club in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 23, 1916, in Huntington.

Surviving her are one sister-in-law, Barbara "Bobbie" Mayne of Kendallville; and two nieces, Mary Hewitt of Akron, Ohio, and Marcia Mayne of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Two brothers, Charles Mayne and Thomas Mayne, preceded her in death.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is today from 6:30-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Howard Eicher

KENDALLVILLE — Howard Benjamin Eicher, 90, a former Kendallville resident, died at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, in Fountain Manor Nursing Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born in Ithica, Mich., on Nov. 30, 1909, to Ben J. and Cora B. (Wenzel) Eicher. On June 30, 1935, in Albion, he married Ruth E. Clark, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Eicher moved to Kendallville in 1946 from Pontiac, Mich. He was a retired truck driver and machinist. He had worked for The Wheel Works for three years; Bowers Inc. for four years and retired from Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio, after 13 years. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and David Keirn of Lancaster, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Howard J. "Bill" and Trude Eicher of Spencerville; a sister, Berniece Fisher of Oregon, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Leland, Frank, Ivan and Erwin Eicher; and a sister, Grace Sipe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Donald Densel

CLEAR LAKE — Donald D. Densel, 74, of Clear Lake, died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Densel was a retired tool and die maker and a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church. He also worked as a boat maker.

He was born Aug. 29, 1925, in Convoy, Ohio, to Frank and Helen (Wherry) Densel.

On July 22, 1950, he married Orabelle (Balmes) Densel, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Reed of Dearborn, Mich., and Frank of Convoy; a daughter, Dee Billings of Clear Lake; a sister, Darlene Lothammer of Clear Lake; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Nail, in 1972.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Clear Lake Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the immediate family or Clear Lake Lutheran Church. Arrangements are being made by E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Deaths/Funerals

Virgie Boyce

PLEASANT LAKE — Virgie Mae Boyce, 95, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Boyce was a homemaker. She was born May 15, 1904, in Delta, Ohio, to Chriss and Katherine (Liechty) Myers.

On Sept. 8, 1921, she married Lewis Bartley Boyce. He died April 22, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Ralph L. Boyce of Pleasant Lake; four daughters, Ilean DeWald of Angola, Luella Shumpert of Pleasant Lake, Fern Cavindar of Elkhart, and Arlean Lehman of Pleasant Lake; a half-brother, Verlin Myers of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Cora O'Dell of Morrow, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, a great-great-grandson, a brother, Ivan Myers, a half-brother, Jack Myers, and a sister, Stella Schwartz.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben Township Volunteer Fire Department or a charity the donor's choice.

Estella Ashbaugh

STRYKER, Ohio — Estella E. Ashbaugh, 81, died Monday morning, Jan. 10, 2000, in the Williams County Hospital in Bryan, Ohio, where she had been admitted earlier in the day.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan.

She was born March 21, 1918, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Francis and Zelma (Ruppert) Urton.

She married Marion Ashbaugh. He died in 1979.

Surviving her are three daughters and one son-in-law, Zelma Berry of Butler, Robin Ashbaugh of West Unity, Ohio, and Doris and Roger Yagel of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Marion and Linda Ashbaugh of Stryker, Ohio, and Ben and Betty Ashbaugh of West Unity; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, two sisters, one son-in-law, one granddaughter, one stepgrandson, and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Grieser Funeral Home, Stryker, with the Rev. Richard Buchsteiner officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Williams County Enrichment Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Laurie Haiflich

AUBURN — Laurie Ann Haiflich, 39, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, in the afternoon at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haiflich was a teacher's instructional assistant for the DeKalb Central United School District. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Dayspring Community Church, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 18, 1960, in Auburn. Her mother and stepfather, Beverly (Grogg) and George Iddings, survive and her father, Cleo Shoudel, preceded her in death.

She married Stanley D. Haiflich on April 29, 1978, in Auburn, and he survives.



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Also surviving are two sons, Joshua A. Haiflich and Justin D. Haiflich, both of Auburn; one brother, Ronald Shoudel of Auburn; and two sisters, Diane Scott of Auburn and Sandra Brown of Waterloo.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor William Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church or Friends of Cancer Survivors.

Desera Cohee

FORT WAYNE — Desera Cohee, 19, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2000, at home.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a photo developer at Ritz One-Hour Photo in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Debra and Thomas Schnieder of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Bob and Beverly Meyer of Fort Wayne, Bud Shively and Mary Van Wagner of Lake James, and Don and Mary Schneider of Fort Wayne; great-grandparents, Hermine Meyer of Avilla, and Toni Dalman of Fort Wayne; a brother, Tony Cohee of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Nicole Cohee and Shannon Cohee, both of Fort Wayne, and Erica Webb of Atlanta, Ga.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Alfred Curry

EDGERTON, Ohio — Alfred L. Curry, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at 10:20 a.m. in his home after a brief illness.

He was employed as a mill man in the Edgerton branch of Williams Landmark, retiring in 1986 with 35 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton and John D. Smith American Legion Post 10. He was a former member of Knights of Columbus 1494 in Edgerton.

Mr. Curry was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Edgerton to Roy and Louise (Jerger) Curry. They preceded him in death.

He married Verda R. Imm on Sept. 6, 1947, in Edgerton, and she survives.

Also surviving are nine children and their spouses, Ketra Kay and Robert Armitage of Plymouth, Ind., Elwood "Woody" and Cindy Curry of Hicksville, Ohio, Melody and Orville Rolston of Auburn, Theresa and Gerald Orick of Edgerton,

Mary Hicks of Edgerton, Julie and Dan Baugh of Edon, Ohio, Andy and Kelly Curry of Edgerton, John and Jessie Curry of Edgerton, and Joe and Christine Curry of Hicksville; two sisters, Wanda Otis of Denver, Colo., and Helen Curry of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Curry, and three grandchildren, Greg Armitage, and Thomas and Vincent Curry.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Edgerton, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith American Legion Post 10.

Calling is Thursday after 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. A Scripture service will be held Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School in Edgerton.

Maggie Collins

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Maggie M. Collins, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 8:45 a.m. in Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville. She had been a resident there for about three years.

Mrs. Collins had lived on West Arthur Street in Hicksville and attended Hicksville Assembly of God Church. She was a member of AARP and Gala of Hicksville.

She was born May 15, 1913, in Virginia to William Thomas and Mary Malinda (Pearcy) Parks.

She married Merlin Collins on June 21, 1934, in Blackhunter, Tenn. He died in 1973.

Surviving her are eight sons, Marrin of North Carolina, Joe of Texas, Paul of Melburn, Ohio, James of Vandalia, Ohio, Jerry and Carl, both of Hicksville, Ohio, Ted of Hillsbore, Ore., and Charles of Bryan, Ohio; two daughters, Sue Hissong and Lola Sanders, both of Hicksville; 36 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Bill, Lloyd and Lester; and six brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. David Long, pastor of the Hicksville Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Unit For Crippled Children and Adults.

Naomi Johnson

GARRETT — Naomi J. Johnson, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at 2:07 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She had been ill since early December.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and a lifetime Garrett resident.

She was born Oct. 3, 1923, in Garrett to Vernon Clare and Zola (Dauber) Murphy. They preceded her in death.

She married David H. Johnson on June 30, 1945, in Garrett. He died Dec. 23, 1997.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Melvin Johnston of Smithland, Iowa; three grandchildren, Teresa Smith, Eric Johnston and Stephanie Johnston, all of Smithland; and three great-grandchildren, Levi Smith, Kenny Johnston and Seth Johnston.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Pauline Abel**, 79, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

ALBION — **The Rev. Jesse Messer Sr.**, 77, died Tuesday. Services at noon Friday in Brimfield Revival Center. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home and two hours before services at the church on Friday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Doretha Mae Straw**, 75, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Rose M. Hen-son**, 86, died at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from noon until 2 p.m. on Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Law

ANGOLA — Mildred Mary Law, 94, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at the United Methodist Home in Warren.

Mrs. Law was a lifelong resident of Steuben County.



Law

A graduate of Tri-State University, she retired as a teacher in the public school system and assisted her husband in their business, Law Instrument Co. She also was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Campfire Girls, the Garden Society, Carpe Diem, a teachers club and an investment club. She also was the librarian for the Angola United Methodist Church and a

member of several organizations within the church.

She was born Dec. 7, 1905, in Steuben County to Fred and Susie (Bell) Weaver.

On Aug. 5, 1930, she married Theodore Ross Law. He died Nov. 15, 1965.

Surviving are a son, Joe Law of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Norma Shaffer of East Alton, Ill.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

Laurie Haiflich

AUBURN — Laurie Ann Haiflich, 39, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, in the afternoon at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haiflich was a teacher's instructional assistant for the DeKalb Central United School District. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Dayspring Community Church, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 18, 1960, in Auburn. Her mother and stepfather, Beverly (Grogg) and George Iddings, survive and her father, Cleo Shoudel, preceded her in death.

She married Stanley D. Haiflich on April 29, 1978, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joshua A. Haiflich and Justin D. Haiflich, both of Auburn; one brother, Ronald Shoudel of Auburn; two sisters, Diane Scott of Auburn and Sandra Brown of Waterloo; two stepbrothers, Gary Iddings of Pleasant Lake and Michael Iddings of Turkey Lake; and one stepsister, Brenda Cooper of Butler.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor William Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Dayspring Community Church or Friends of Cancer Survivors.

Esther Freeman

AUBURN — Esther L. Freeman, 95, died today, Jan. 13, 2000, at 1:50 a.m. in Kendallville Manor in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and lived on South Division Street in Auburn.

She was born April 4, 1904, in Newville to Franklin A. and Mary Alice (Oberlin) Huntington.

She married Roscoe Freeman on Dec. 28, 1921, in DeKalb County. He died April 18, 1964.

Surviving her are two sons, Dale of Auburn and Robert of Kendallville; one daughter, Donna Aldrich of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Ila Frey, three sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Rev. Robert Hicks Sr.

GARRETT — The Rev. Robert D. Hicks Sr., 60, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at 11:58 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He retired in 1983 from Bauman & Harnish Plastics in Garrett and was a Baptist evangelist. He was active for many years with the Fort Wayne Food Bank.

He was born March 31, 1939, in Caretta, W. Va. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Sally (Pierce) Hicks, and by a stepfather, Reese Phillips.

He married Linda Isham on Feb. 12, 1966, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rocky Hicks of Helmer and Robert D. Hicks Jr. of Garrett; four daughters, Lori White of Arkansas, Shirri Stautz of Bryan, Ohio, Tammy Blackburn of Auburn, and Terrie Wagner of Waterloo; one stepson, George B. Schewe of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Penny Manz of Grove City, Pa.; one brother, Russell Hicks of Brimfield; one sister, Thelma Van Hoose of Nolan, W. Va.; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Three brothers, Warren, Dallas and Uless, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.



Martha McComas

AUBURN — Martha J. McComas, 60, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at 9:34 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was head nurse with the American Red Cross for 24 years, retiring in 1995. She also worked at the Indiana State School in Fort Wayne for 20 years and recently was employed part-time at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She lived in Auburn.

Miss McComas was a 1958 graduate of Auburn High School and a 1961 graduate of Parkview Methodist School of Nursing. She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star in Auburn, where she was past worthy matron. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Auburn and its Wesleyan Circle of the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum Women's Committee and Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Auburn to John W. and J. Margaret (Wappes) McComas.

Surviving her are one sister and brother-in-law, Karen and the Rev. John P. Ellis of Norway, Maine; and two nephews, Timothy J. Ellis of New York and Andrew D. Ellis of Portland, Maine.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Susan Poynter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, First United Methodist mission fund, or American Heart Association.

Opal Wiley

ANGOLA — Opal L. Wiley, 85, of Angola, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Wiley had worked as a cook at Azar's restaurant and Underwood Nursing Home in Pleasant Lake. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the church's Missionary Society.

She was born July 23, 1914, in DeKalb County to Clay and Eva (Warstler) Rinehold.

On July 24, 1934, she married Orville L. Wiley. He died Aug. 15, 1999.

Surviving are a son and a daughter-in-law, Jack and Ann Wiley of Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and George Underwood of Angola; a brother, Walter Rinehold of Leo; a sister, Mildred Brown of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kim Wiley of West Branch, Iowa, Kip Wiley of Orlando, Fla., Vicki Means of Orland, and Kristi Kotowski of Angola; and five great-grandchildren, Beth and Michelle Means, Brack Bingham, Megan Kotowski and Travis Dixon.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Rinehold, and a sister, Beulah Amstutz.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the Alzheimer's Association.

Julie Penner

FREMONT — Julie A. Penner, 56, of Fremont, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker and a novice fiction author. She attended Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born June 10, 1943, in Angola. Her father, Richard Brokaw, preceded her in death. Her mother, Virginia (Parr) Simmons, survives in Punta Gorda, Fla.

On Aug. 25, 1962, in Kendallville, she married James C. Penner, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Mixer of San Diego, Calif.; a son, John Penner of Atlanta; and a grandchild, Kailey Mixer.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard "Dickie" Brokaw.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse and the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Dollars for Scholars, c/o Ben Roederer, Fremont Community Schools, P.O. Box 665, Fremont, IN 46737.

Lillie McClain

GARRETT — Lillie McClain, 65, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at 9 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, of a sudden illness.

She was a retired clerk and lived on South Peters Street in Garrett for 17 years. She formerly lived in Richmond. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born Sept. 6, 1934, in Crestmont, Ky., to Russell and Jalah (Gibson) Brandenburg. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale H. McClain on Nov. 16, 1952, in Richmond. He died Aug. 21, 1995.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gregory Scott and Betty McClain of Sarasota, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Neal Harmon of Hudson; one brother, Henry Thomas of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Pastor William Haworth will officiate, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Wilma Bard

CORUNNA — Wilma Bard, 86, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, at 6:55 a.m. in a car-semi accident on U.S. 6. near Corunna.

Mrs. Bard was a homemaker and lived in Corunna. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and Harmony Chapter 67 of Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Feb. 7, 1913, in DeKalb County to Carl and Bernice Becker.

She married Howard O. Bard on June 9, 1935, in South Whitley. He died Feb. 11, 1998.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon and Dorothy Bard of Hot Springs Village, Ark., Dean and Valerie Bard of Islamorada, Fla., and Gene and Kim Bard of Columbia, Mo.; one sister, Rachel Bard of Corunna; three grandchildren, Debbie Hale, Gerrad Bard and Blake Bard; and two great-grandchildren, Mike and Nick Hale.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.



Deaths/Funerals

Frances Bissell

FREMONT — Frances Evelyn Bissell, 82, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She retired from ITT in 1976 and lived in Fremont. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and Angola Health Club. Her hobby was gardening.

She was born Aug. 4, 1917, in Cleveland, Ohio. Her husband, Thomas Harold Bissell, preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving her are one daughter, Diane McClain of Fort Wayne; two sons, H. Duane Bissell of Fremont and Gene Bissell of Fort Wayne; one sister, Eleanor Fritze of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Rex Bissell, preceded her in death.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m.

in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Entombment is in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Beckie Hicks

AUBURN — Beckie Hicks, 65, died at 3 p.m. Friday at Wesley Manor in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Margaret F. Westling, 92, of Avilla, died Monday. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m.

Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

LAGRANGE — Clarence Hampton, 87, of LaGrange, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday at Porter Funeral Home in Tipton, Ind. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral.

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Eugene Rice, 42, of Kendallville, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

SOUTH MILFORD — Violet M. (Kitchen) Claussen, 81, of South Milford, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Jessie LaRowe

LAOTTO — Jessie Alvada LaRowe, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at 12:30 a.m. in Extenda Care at Kendallville.

Mrs. LaRowe was an elementary school teacher for 35 years in the Albion and Avilla schools. She was a 1927 graduate of Hamilton High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from Ball State University. She did graduate work at Saint Francis College and Ball State.

She was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne Women's Business Club, Daughters of the Nile, Noble County Democratic Women's Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, and Eastern Star. She was past president of the Business and Professional Women.

She was born Jan. 10, 1910, in Hamilton.

She married F. Claude LaRowe on April 19, 1930, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jim LaRowe of LaOtto; three daughters, Dr. Mary Jane Hamilton-Merritt of Connecticut, Shirley Chastain of Elkhart, and Barbara LaRowe of Denver; six grandchildren, Charles F. Chastain, Harold Eugene Chastain, Curtis Fredrick LaRowe, Kimberly Kay Yoder, Daniel William LaRowe, and Schuyler Merritt; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Oliver and Tim Brown, and one sister, Mildred Hoyer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Tim Terrell of the Huntertown United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.



LaRowe

Paul Rice

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Eugene Rice, 42, of Kendallville, died at 4:50 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at his home.

On July 18, 1957, in Springfield, Ohio, he was born to Russell Rice and Mary (Blevins) Rice. His father survives in Wichita, Kan., and his mother, Mary Smith, survives in Marion, Ohio. On March 15, 1980, in Marion, Ohio, he married Leah Lee, who survives.

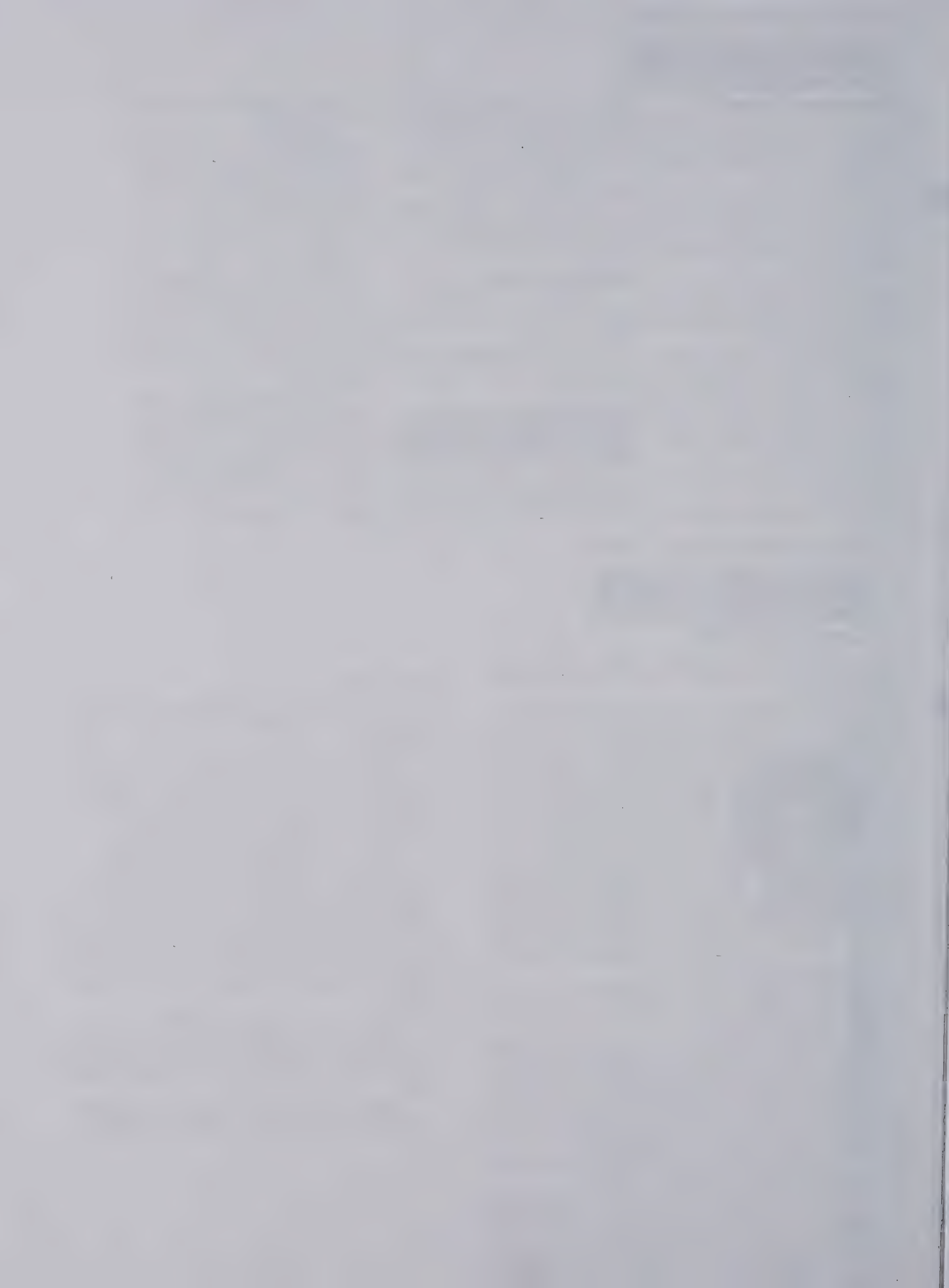
Mr. Rice was a supervisor at Auburn Foundry.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are: two sons, Jeffrey P. Rice of Kendallville, and James E. Thompson of Wichita, Kan.; a daughter, Melissa Jurgensen of Eldorado, Kan.; two brothers, James Rice of Marion, Ohio, and Robert Rice of Florida; four sisters, Joyce Bowen of Kendallville, Linda Frasier of Indianapolis, Rebecca Hill Edwards of Anchorage, Alaska, and Patricia Jackson of Wichita, Kan.; and six grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ricky Williams officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials to the LaGrange County Hospice.



Keith Barnhart

ATTICA — Keith Edwin "Barney" Barnhart, 73, of Attica, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at 7:58 a.m. in Home Hospital, Lafayette. His death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Mr. Barnhart had lived in Auburn, Greencastle and Chicago and had lived in Attica since May 1950.

He was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Auburn to Leon and Gladys Hazel Dannells Barnhart.

He graduated from Auburn High School and received degrees from DePauw, Purdue and Northwestern universities.

He was admitted to the Indiana Bar on May 19, 1950, and began his law practice in Attica on June 1, 1950. In 1976, Tom O'Connor joined his firm and the law firm of Barnhart & O'Connor was established.

Mr. Barnhart served as the city of Attica attorney from 1953-57, 1960-70 and 1976-87. He served as the Fountain County Attorney from 1969-75 and from 1978 to the present.

He was a member of the Attica First United Methodist Church and its choir, and served on several different boards of the church.

He was a member and past president of the Attica Lions Club, a member of the Fountain County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, Attica Eagles Lodge 2596, American Legion Post 52, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3318, and served on the board of directors for the Fountain-Warren County Senior Citizens Center. He formerly coached Little League baseball, and was an avid gardener and golfer.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He married Elizabeth "Lib" Ann Rogers on April 3, 1946, in Greencastle. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah Ann Barnhart of Terre Haute; a son, Steven Keith Barnhart of St. Peters, Mo.; and two sisters, Doris See of Garrett and Ruth Musser of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Attica First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Newton officiating. Burial with military graveside services took place in the Riverside Cemetery, Attica.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Attica First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

Anne Woolever

CORUNNA — Anne Christine Woolever, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at 3:33 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and worked at the Kiddie College Preschool in Waterloo. She was a member of the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and its Joy Circle Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Woolever was born Dec. 23, 1924, in Douglas City, Ill., to Marvin and Lula (Halsey) Conner.

She married Eugene Woolever on Sept. 6, 1947, in Stroh, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard of Waterloo and John of Auburn; two daughters, Ruth Anne Garrison of Kendallville and Mary Stapleton of ElkrIDGE Md.; one brother, Elmer Lee Conner of Sturgis, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Howard, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, County Road 60, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Memorials are to Gideons International or the church.

Geraldine Chapin

FREMONT — Geraldine M. Chapin, 86, of Fremont, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapin was retired from Gay's Super Market, Fremont. She enjoyed knitting and refurbishing cane chairs and antiques. She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 7, 1913, in DeKalb County to Jonas and Daisy (Hamman) Hampshire.

On April 7, 1933, she married Hugh L. Chapin in Plymouth. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joann and Robert Mills of Center Conway, N.H., and Gail and Robert Roskuski of Fort Wayne; a son, Ben Chapin; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Blosser, and a brother, Donald Hampshire.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola.



Eleanor Daniel

GARRETT — Eleanor Ann Daniel, 93, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Liberty, where she had lived the past five years.

She was raised in Connersville and lived most of her life in Garrett. She worked for many years as a dispatcher for the Garrett Police Department. She was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

She was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 1, 1906, in Connersville to William and Hattie McMurray.

Surviving her are one son, John Wedding Jr. of Avila, three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; a great-nephew and her caretakers, David and Marilyn Hobbs of Connersville; and a great-great-nephew, Chris Hobbs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Daniel, in 1992; one brother, William McMurray; one sister, Dorothy Huddleston; and one niece, Barbara Hobbs.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett, with military services conducted by the Garrett American Legion Post's color guard.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in Urban-Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville.

Beckie Hicks

AUBURN — Beckie Hicks, 66, of Auburn, died at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, in Wesley Manor Health Care in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 27, 1933, in War, W.Va., to Zeb and Ollie (Hicks) Stanley. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hicks was a factory worker, retiring from Essex Wire in Ligonier.

Surviving are her former husband, Carl Hicks, of Brimfield; two sons, Herschel Stanley of Fort Wayne, and Jimmy Hicks of Kimmell; two brothers, Howard Stanley of Brimfield, and Jack Stanley of Michigan City; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services was today at noon in Brimfield Revival Center, Brimfield, with the Rev. Phillip Chaffins and the Rev. Denver Sparkman officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Dana R. Christner, 90, died at 8 a.m. Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Myron "Babe" Cox, 86, died Saturday in Wolcottville. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

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Deaths/Funerals

George Walter

BUTLER — George R. Walter, 81, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at 12:07 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn and lived in Butler. He was a member of Christ's Church, Butler.

Mr. Walter was born Sept. 25, 1918, in St. Joe to George and Florence (Snyder) Walter.

He married Esther Spires on July 2, 1940. She died Nov. 16, 1993.

Surviving are three sons, Roger of Indianapolis, Larry of Spencerville, and Jerry "Jake" of Auburn; two daughters, Pamela Gibson of Hicksville, Ohio, and Lana Smith of Angola; two brothers, Russell of Kendallville and Lewis of Fort Myers, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, one half-sister and one great-grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Christ's Church, 127 W. Main St., Butler.

Lucille Hanson

AUBURN — Lucille "Sue" Hanson, 73, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at 5 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and member of Olivet Order of the Eastern Star in Olivet, Mich.

She was born June 7, 1926, in Williams County, Ohio, to Clyde and Carrie (Wright) Gill.

She married Howard L. Hanson on July 24, 1948, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He died Oct. 23, 1997.

Surviving her are two sons, Steven of Eau Claire, Wis., and Jeff of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Eagleson of Bowling Green; seven grandchildren, Alexa, Ashley, Stephanie and Steven Hanson, Vicki Martineau, Josh Gieshia and Josh Conner; and one great-grandson, Christian Michael Staley.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, her twin, Lewis "Tom," and Dale "Bud"; and one sister, Ethel Sterling.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Milton Township Cemetery in Custer, Ohio.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.



George Hodgdon

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — George E. Hodgdon, 36, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at 5:01 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a brief illness.

A Hicksville resident, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Operation Desert Storm. He was a member of American Legion Post 0223 in Hicksville, John D. Smith American Legion Post 10 in Edgerton, and was a 1982 graduate of Edgerton High School. He was an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 29 in Edgerton.

He was employed by Bohn Aluminum in Butler, and had attended Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hodgdon was born Aug. 13, 1963, in Marlborough, Mass.

Surviving him are one daughter, Kahrin Flint of Butler; his mother and stepfather, Ruth and Robert Mayer of Fremont; his father, George C. Hodgdon of Texas; two brothers, Charles W. Hodgdon II and Jimmy D. Hodgdon, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Jeannie L. Lockett of Sarasota, Fla.; two half-sisters, Catherine and Alice Hodgdon, both in Massachusetts; two stepbrothers and stepsister-in-law, Robert S. Mayer of Bryan, Ohio, and William A. and Susan Mayer of Waterloo; four stepsisters, Ann Thomson of Grand Rapids, Mich., Gayle Sito and Susan Glasgow, both of Bryan, and Linda Benson of Fremont.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the Rev. Kevin Orr officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 10.

Calling is Friday after 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to a fund to benefit Kahrin Flint.

Ursie Longardner

FORT WAYNE — Ursie G. Longardner, 100, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Woodburn and retired from Magnavox after 30 years.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph Longardner of Avilla, and Ned J. Longardner of Hometown; five daughters, Violet Seffernick of Garrett, and Betty Myers and Virginia Shoppel, both of Avilla, Doris Wittbradt of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Lee Ann Hofacker of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Kierspe of Fort Wayne; 48 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornelius, in 1981; two sons and a daughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home; 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Union Chapel United Brethren Church.

Buford Smith

GARRETT — Buford C. "Boots" Smith, 85, died today, Jan. 18, 2000, at 12:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Margaret Southern

AUBURN — Margaret Southern died today, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at 12:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Kenneth Shultz Sr.

GREEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Kenneth A. Shultz Sr., 72, of Green Valley, Ariz., died at his home Jan. 11, 2000.

He was born July 19, 1927, near Kendallville to Schuyler and Ethel (Albaugh) Shultz. On June 19, 1948, in Kendallville, he married Betty Bowman. She survives.

Mr. Shultz was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Green Valley, Ariz.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Jr. and Amy Shultz of Tucson, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Mary, Michael and Melissa Shultz; a brother and sister-in-law, Neil and Delores Shultz of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola and Duane Wood of Columbia City, and Sandra and Harold Brandon of Ashley; a sister-in-law, Aliene Shultz of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Shultz.

Burial Mass was held Jan. 14 in Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Green Valley.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Dylon Michael Green, infant son of Michael Ross and Melissia Lou Greene, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

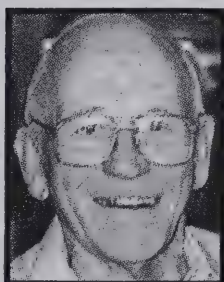


Deaths/Funerals

Buford Smith

GARRETT — Buford C. "Boots" Smith, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at 12:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Smith was an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 38 years, retiring Aug. 6, 1976. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive



Smith

Engineers, Garrett Historical Society and Garrett Alumni Association. He was a 55-year member of the Garrett Eagles. He was a Life Boy Scout and coached basketball in the Eagles and American Legion independent leagues. He was a sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a lifetime member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, being baptized in June

1914.

He was born Feb. 23, 1914, in Garrett to Carl Arlington and Dora Ethel (Barrone) Smith.

He married Marguerite Dirr on Nov. 4, 1940, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Aaron of Chicago; two daughters, Stephanie Dickerhoof of Fort Wayne and Melanie Steiner of Indianapolis; one brother, Delmer Smith of Garrett; two sisters, Cleo Talley and Phyllis Hixson, both of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

Two sisters, Dorothy Brandmo and Eunice Sherrick, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Elizabeth Morgan will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Brooke Dilley

AUBURN — Brooke R. Dilley, 3 1/2 months, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at 12:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 1, 1999, in Auburn to David Dilley and Stacy Heyman, both of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are one brother, Christopher Minnick of Auburn; her paternal grandparents, Patricia and Clarence Dilley Jr. of Churubusco; and her maternal grandparents, Janet Heyman of St. Joe and Mick Heyman of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Susan Poynter will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Hively

KIMMELL — Thomas Joe Hively, 53, a Noble County farmer, collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, while doing chores at his farm west of Wolf Lake.

He was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Garrett to Thomas A. and Georgia M. (Kelham) Hively. His father survives in Kimmell. On June 6, 1971, he married Sasha Marie Bushong in Syracuse. She also survives.

Mr. Hively grew up in Wolf Lake and graduated in 1965 from Wolf Lake High School. He continued his education at Goshen College, then served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany as a teletype operator during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged Sept. 14, 1968. In addition to farming he entered into the registered Holstein business and was a lifetime exhibitor of cattle in Indiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church where he was a trustee, the Indiana Holstein Association and the Holstein Friesian Association of America. He was a dairy judging coach for 4-H and FFA teams, taking them throughout Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Brad (Ingrid) Kohlhausen of Rensselaer; two sons, Lukus Wes Hively, a student at Purdue University in West Lafayette, and Les Shane Hively, a student at Manchester College in North Manchester; a brother, the Rev. George W. Hively of Middletown, Ohio; and three sisters, Sue Weeks of Churubusco, Mary Schlotterback of Albion, and Kay Manges of Markle.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Ormas Baptist Church with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church or Noble County 4-H Dairy Club.

Editor's note: The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Beckie Hicks

AUBURN — Beckie Hicks, 66, of Auburn, died at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, in Wesley Manor Health Care in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 27, 1933, in War, W.Va., to Zeb and Ollie (Hicks) Stanley. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hicks was a factory worker, retiring from Essex Wire in Ligonier.

Surviving are her former husband, Carl Hicks of Brimfield; a daughter, Donna Premo of War, W.Va.; two sons, Herschel Stanley of Fort Wayne, and Jimmy Hicks of Kimmell; two brothers, Howard Stanley of Brimfield, and Jack Stanley of Michigan City; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services were today at noon in Brimfield Revival Center, Brimfield, with the Rev. Phillip Chaffins and the Rev. Denver Sparkman officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Mary Hamman

HAMILTON — Mary Joan Hamman, 96, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hamman was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Aug. 18, 1903, in Edon, Ohio, to Grant and Mary M. (Vines) Chilcote.

Her first husband, Walter Bopp, preceded her in death in 1968 and her second husband, Shirley Hamman, died in 1989.

She also was preceded in death by one sister, Audra Brown, and three brothers, Carl, Ernie and Bennie Chilcote.

Surviving is one sister, Alice Houlton of Hamilton.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at 11:45 a.m.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Chapel, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Suzanne Wolfe

COLUMBIA CITY — Suzanne Runge Wolfe, 64, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at 1:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wolfe formerly lived in the Auburn area. She lived at Old Lake for many years until moving to Columbia City in October 1999.

She worked as a telephone operator before her marriage and then became a homemaker. She sold Avon products for over 15 years. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1953, and was a member of United Church of God, Fort Wayne.

She was born July 14, 1935, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Wanda (Reynolds) Runge.

She married Richard L. Wolfe in June 1959 in Columbia City. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Deborah Wolfe of Columbia City and David L. Wolfe of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara S. and Mark Harvey of Columbia City; her stepfather, Clem Decker of Morganton, N.C.; and six grandchildren.

One daughter, Michelle Ann Wolfe, and one brother, Steven Runge, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Darris McNeeley and Robert Borton, both of the United Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Eberhard Lutheran Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Margaret Southern

AUBURN — Margaret E. Southern, 83, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at 12:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Southern was a founding member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Psi Iota Xi, and St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 14, 1916, in Dauphin County, Pa., to Charles W. and Maude E. (Kramer) Simmons.

She married Charles D. Southern, who died Sept. 12, 1990.

Surviving her are three sons, Charles of Carmel, David of Auburn, and Steven of Chandler, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Jeffery Southern of Chicago, Melissa Southern of Indianapolis, Laura Wochner of Tempe, Ariz., Melinda Cole of Chandler, Sylvia Baum of Fort Wayne, Katherine Southern and Hill Southern, both of Auburn, and five great-grandchildren.

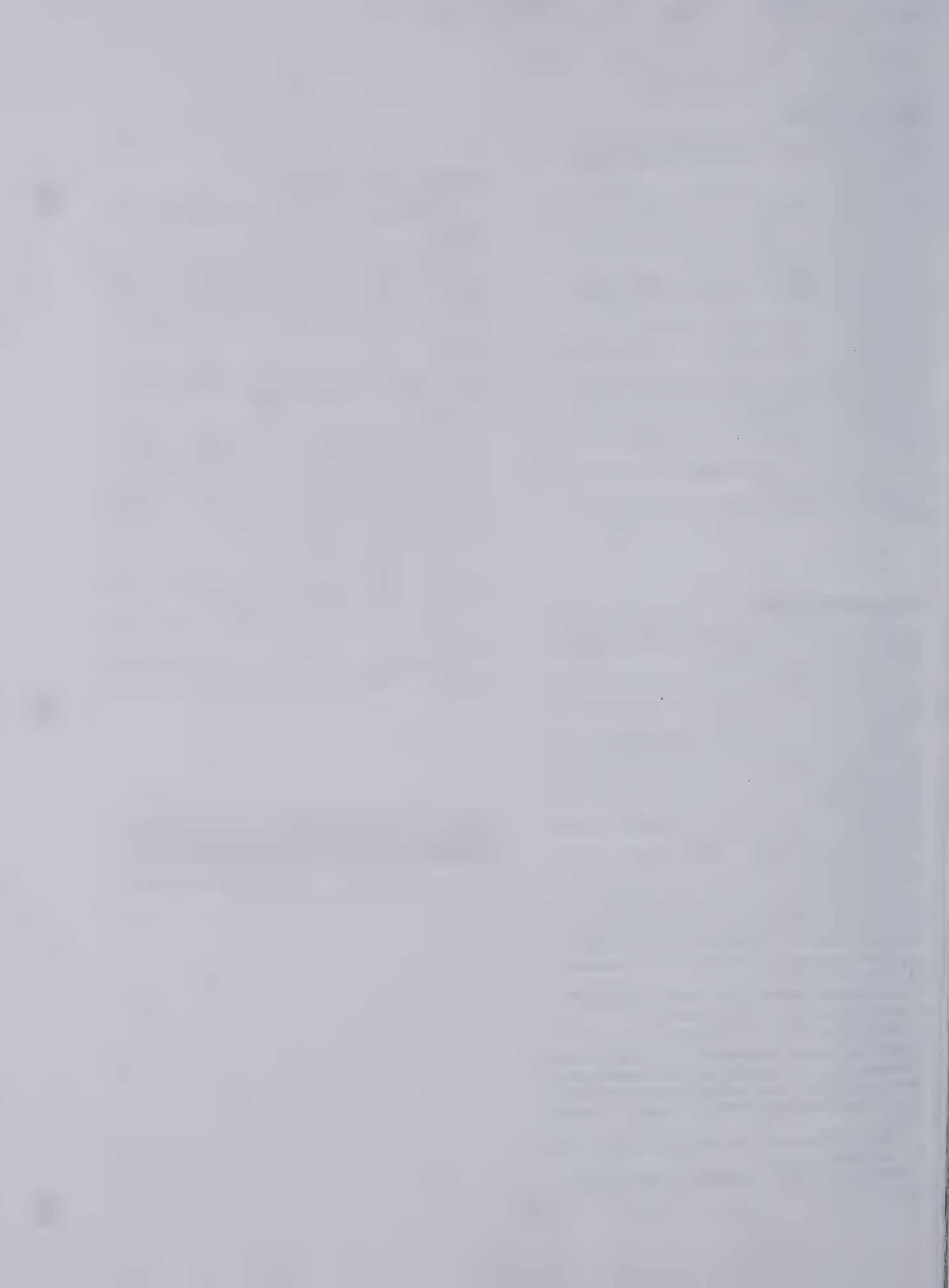
Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — George William Hively, 81, died Monday. No services or calling.



Deaths/Funerals

Elroy Welch

KENDALLVILLE — Elroy E. "Roy" Welch, 78, of Kendallville, died at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill three months.

He was born in Denton, Md., Sept. 4, 1921, to Edward and Myrtle (Richard) Welch. On Oct. 15, 1966, in Kendallville, he married Betty L. (Glass) Shultz. She survives.

Mr. Welch moved to Kendallville in 1966 from Aspers, Pa., where he had lived since he was 1d. He was a retired farmer and truck driver for Arco Auto Carriers of Kenosha, Wis., and a World War II Air Force veteran. He was a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters and a son-in-law, Rebecca Kruger-Wolff and Larry Wolff of Auburn, and Julie Scott of Kendallville; a stepdaughter-in-law, Diana Shultz of Kendallville; 12 step-grandchildren, Laura Eckert and Jennifer Antrup, both of Auburn, Amy Pierce of McClish Lake, and Molly Morrow, Brandee Shultz, Christopher Dieterle, Tim Dieterle, Quinn Dieterle, Abigail Scott, Zane Scott and Fawn Scott, all of Kendallville, Babette Ball of South Milford, Michael Shultz of Avilla, Adam Shultz of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, David Arthur Shultz, on Oct. 6, 1989; a sister, Catherine Giberson; and a brother, Nelson Welch.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-7 p.m. Friday and one hour before services in the funeral home.

Lucille Hanson

AUBURN — Lucille "Sue" Hanson, 73, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at 5 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and member of Olivet Order of the Eastern Star in Olivet, Mich.

She was born June 7, 1926, in Wood County, Ohio, to Clyde and Carrie (Wright) Gill.

Eileen Gill

ANGOLA — Eileen Mary Gill, 58, of Angola, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, in Angola.

Mrs. Gill worked in the office at Moore Business Forms, Angola. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. She graduated from Holgate High School in Holgate, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 21, 1941, in New Bavaria, Ohio, to Herbert and Mildred (Kleman) Westrick, who survive in New Bavaria.

On Feb. 1, 1964, she married Marvin A. Gill, who preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Michael Gill of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cheryl Heller of Swanton, Ohio; a brother, David Westrick of New Bavaria; six sisters, Mary Weber of Maumee, Ohio, Ruth Ann Miller of Coldwater, Mich., Shirley Westrick and Sharon Westrick, both of New Bavaria, Ginny Bauer of Napoleon, Ohio, and Joan Lanning of Northwood, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Tori and Nicki Burnside and Nicholas, Brandon and Lindsey Heller.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Westrick, on Feb. 27, 1988.

A funeral mass will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Burial will follow in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a rosary service at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church or Cameron Hospice, both in Angola.

She married Howard L. Hanson on July 24, 1948, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He died Oct. 23, 1997.

Surviving her are two sons, Steven of Eau Claire, Wis., and Jeff of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Eagleson of Bowling Green; seven grandchildren, Alexa, Ashley, Stephanie and Steven Hanson, Vicki Martineau, Josh Gischia and Josh Conner; and one great-grandson, Christian Michael Staley.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, her twin, Lewis "Tom," and Dale "Bud"; and one sister, Ethel Sterling.

Services weretoday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial was today in Milton Township Cemetery in Custer, Ohio. Memorials to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank.

Arthur Krieg

SPENCERVILLE — Arthur P. Krieg, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at 7 a.m. in Harbor Side Nursing Home in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Krieg was a farmer his entire life and lived on County Road 68, Spencerville. He also worked at Hicksville Producers Stock Yards for many years. He was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church and attended the Victory Barn in Edgerton, Ohio.

He was born April 12, 1909, in Defiance County, Ohio, to John S. and Mary (Dull) Krieg. They preceded him in death.

He married Katheryn Deatsman on March 22, 1930. She died Nov. 17, 1995.

Surviving him are one daughter, Rita Lucas of Bryan; one son, Carlin Krieg of St. Joe; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Pauline Alexander; two brothers, Harold Krieg and Leonard Krieg; and one grandson, Mark Krieg.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Rosene Short officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Hospital of Williams County-Hospice or Gideons International.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Auburn F. "Red" Haggard Jr., 70, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Topeka United Methodist Church, Topeka, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Bertrand S. Clemens Jr., 79, died Tuesday. Services at 7 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — Jay A. Crawford, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Suzanne Wolf, 64, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Rheo Bassett

AUBURN — Rheo W. Bassett, 88, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at 11:08 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.



Bassett

Mr. Bassett owned and operated Bassett Motor Sales, an Oldsmobile dealership, in Auburn for 43 years, retiring in 1978. He lived in Auburn and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to Edward and Lottie (Calendar) Bassett.

He married Maurine Smith on Feb. 27, 1937, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Carolyn Diederich and Gloria Glick, both of Auburn, and Jeanne Bassett of Granger; one brother, Lloyd Bassett of Auburn; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Kathryn Beber

AUBURN — Kathryn B. Beber, 90, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at 10:30 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Beber made and installed draperies with her husband in DeKalb County. She was a member of the ladies auxiliaries of the Garrett Eagles lodge and Garrett American Legion post.

She was born Aug. 18, 1909, in DeKalb County to Henry and Anna E. (Norit) Rigg.

She married Robert Beber in 1944. He died in 1988.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie K. and Jack H. Erbaugh of Auburn; two brothers, Lavon Rigg of Coldwater, Mich., and Jonas Rigg of Orland; three sisters, Rose Boggs of Apopka, Fla., and Norma Rifenberg and Wanda Stamp, both of Bronson, Mich.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, George W. McIntosh, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mary Hamman

HAMILTON — Mary Joan Hamman, 96, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hamman was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Aug. 18, 1903, in Edon, Ohio, to Grant and Mary M. (Wines) Chilcote.

Her first husband, Walter Bopp, preceded her in death in 1968 and her second husband, Shirley Hamman, died in 1989.

She also was preceded in death by one sister, Audra Brown, and three brothers, Carl, Earl and Bennie Chilcote.

Surviving is one sister, Alice Houlton of Hamilton.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at 11:45 a.m.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Chapel, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Dr. Bret Alan Willard**, 40, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in Meeks Mortuary Chapel, Muncie, with calling there 2-6 p.m. Saturday.

LAGRANGE — **William D. Beechy**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in the family residence, 1140S — 3250W, LaGrange with calling there after 6 p.m. today and all day Saturday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **R. Dean Wolfe**, 70, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Sheldon Scott

AUBURN — Sheldon Scott, 86, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. at his daughter's home in Auburn.

Mr. Scott owned and operated Scott's Boat Landing on Golden Lake from 1950 until his death. He also worked for more than 30 years at Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1965.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 10, 1913, in Saginaw, Mich., to Walter and Julia Scott.

He married Edith May Dunn on Sept. 4, 1936, in Auburn. She died Jan. 31, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dirk Smurr of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Gary and Ann Scott of Millville, Del.; a sister, Kathryn Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Rebecca and Gretchen.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral

home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

R. Dean Wolfe

WOLCOTTVILLE — R. Dean Wolfe, 70, of Wolcottville, died at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at his home. He had been ill 10 years.

He was born in Grant Township, DeKalb County, Nov. 18, 1929, to Clarence and Hazel (McClellan) Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe moved to Wolcottville 15 years ago from Auburn. He was raised in Garrett and was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired in 1985 as a truck driver.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Thornsberry of Hazard, Ky., and Tammy Lee of Decatur; six sons, Wendell Wolfe of Waterloo, Darrell Wolfe of Leocedarville, Jerry Wolfe of Wolcottville, Jim Wolfe of Butler, Larry Wolfe of Auburn, and Steve Wolfe of St. Joe; two brothers, Bob Wolfe and Max Wolfe, both of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Wolfe.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. today in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Bernadine Miller

WATERLOO — Bernadine J. Miller, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at Wesley Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and lived in Waterloo. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its rosary society, and the Rose Lima Study Club.

She was born in Allen County. Her husband, Paul P. Miller, died Feb. 12, 1979.

Surviving her are five sons, John, Norbert and Edward, all of Waterloo, Herman J. of Auburn, and William of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one daughter, Mary Dunn of Alpharetta, Ga.; one brother, Norbert Herber of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Catherine Lothamer of Fort Wayne and Venita Miller of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or for masses.

Mary Klaiss

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Mary T. Klaiss, 74, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at her home in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Klaiss attended public schools in Chicago. She moved to Battle Creek from Chicago in 1943. She lived in Castro Valley, Calif., from 1962 to 1969. She then lived in Galesburg, Mich., in 1971, before moving to Ashley in 1989. She returned to Battle Creek in 1996.

Mrs. Klaiss was employed by Kellogg Co. for 10 years and by Park Club in Kalamazoo for nine years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Battle Creek, and St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, music, gardening, canning and shopping. In her younger years she enjoyed dancing.

She was born May 20, 1925, in Chicago to James Vincent and Mary (Barrett) Shanahan. She was raised by her uncle and aunt, Patrick and Irene Shanahan.

On Aug. 22, 1949, she married Harold C. Klaiss in Battle Creek. He preceded her in death July 13, 1994, in Ashley.

Mrs. Klaiss is survived by two sons, John H. Klaiss of Ashley and Thomas C. Klaiss of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Kathy M. Klaiss of Coldwater; a sister, Kathleen "Kay" St. Pierre of Battle Creek; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral mass will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Battle Creek, with the Rev. James S. O'Leary officiating. Burial will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Calling is after 4 p.m. Monday at the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home, 703 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Hospice Care.

Dennis Hantz

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Dennis E. Hantz, 47, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Battle Creek Health Care System.

Mr. Hantz was raised in Battle Creek. He began working in high school at Jim's Flower Shop with his parents. He later managed the business and designed flower arrangements. He attended Pennfield schools and graduated from Harper Creek High School in 1970. He served in the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, mushroom hunting, deer hunting, motorcycle road trips, playing chess and camping with his nephews.

He was born Dec. 11, 1952, in Battle Creek to Jimmie L. and Olive C. (Alexander) Hantz. His mother survives and his father preceded him in death on March 17, 1997.

He married Rietta L. Whitman on March 21, 1979, in Battle Creek. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis E. Hantz Jr. of Battle Creek and Denny E. Fisher of Michigan City; a daughter, Jessica Hantz of Battle Creek; a sister, Mary E. Mosby of Battle Creek, two brothers, Jimmie E. Hantz and Floyd L. Hantz, both of Battle Creek; and relatives in the Angola area.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Farley-Estes and Dowdle Funeral Home, Battle Creek. Pastor Phil Altes of the West Michigan Avenue Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Frances Graham

AUBURN — Frances C. Graham, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at 11 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Graham was a homemaker and also worked as a cashier for Schaab's Department Store in Auburn. She was a member of Brookside Community Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 10, 1918, in Wolf Lake to George and Mamie (Thomas) Hively.

She married William Favinger in 1938 and he died in 1942.

She married Robert Graham on June 25, 1944, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, James T. Graham of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Judith Ann Favinger of Urbana, Ohio, and Elin and John Parmelee of Paw Paw, Mich.; one brother, Thomas Hively of Wolf Lake; one sister, Kathryn Gaff of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Cynthia E. Parmelee and Katrina Parmelee-Peters.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Keith and Ken; and one brother, Michael.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Pastor Al Beggs will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

This obituary is being republished to add information not provided earlier.

Rheo Bassett

AUBURN — Rheo W. Bassett, 88, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at 11:08 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Bassett owned and operated Bassett Motor Sales, an Oldsmobile dealership, in Auburn for 43 years, retiring in 1978. He lived in Auburn and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to Edward and Lottie (Calendar) Bassett.

He married Maurine Smith on Feb. 27, 1937, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Carolyn Diederich and Gloria Glick, both of Auburn, and Jeanne Bassett of Granger; one brother, Lloyd Bassett of Auburn; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Virgil, Harry, Clark and Glenn; and by one sister, Tracy Hawk.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Karl Colgan

GARRETT — Karl Colgan, 85, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at 11:35 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Colgan was a conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 34 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Defiance, Ohio, Eagles Lodge for 54 years.

He was born June 13, 1914, in Defiance, Ohio, to Merrill and Blanche S. (Gillett) Colgan.

He married Betty M. Henry on June 8, 1940, in Defiance, Ohio. She died Nov. 12, 1991.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Betty "Jean" and Jerry McMaken of Garrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, John Colgan, Floyd and Marge Colgan, all of Garrett, and Duane and Jo Colgan of Auburn; one sister, Claire Prowant of Sarasota, Fla.; one brother, Frank Colgan of Waynesfield, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell; a brother, Carroll; a sister, Mary Bowser; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Minister John Scott officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Roxanne Walter

GARRETT — Roxanne M. Walter, 43, of Garrett, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at 4 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walter was a life-long resident of Garrett. She worked as a medical records technician at Whitley Memorial Hospital for 11 years, and was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Aug. 14, 1956, in Garrett, to Don E. and Joan V. (Fechner) Treesh.

She married Steven D. Walter on May 17, 1975, in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are her mother, three sons, Mike, Matthew and Toby, all of Garrett; and a sister, Rebecca Bloom of Auburn.

Her father and two brothers, Michael David Treesh and Patrick Anthony Treesh, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Douglas H. Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Vernous Slater

HEMET, Calif. — Vernous L. Slater died Dec. 18, 1999, at the Hemet Valley Medical Center in Hemet, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Slater, and a daughter, Michelle Slater, both of Hemet; a sister, Beatrice Hess, a nephew, Jerry Hess, and a niece, Darlene Hess, all of Auburn.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 1999, at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Local information was provided by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn

Area Deaths

ALBION — Glenn A. Marshall, 61, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Church of the Nazarene, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 25, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Freddie Howell

GARRETT — Freddie "Willie" Howell, 69, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at 10:21 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Howell was a journeyman lineman for Garrett City Utilities for seven years, retiring in 1982. He worked at Strawberry's Tavern in Garrett for 10 years. He lived on County Road 7, Garrett.

He was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Hazard, Ky., to Jim and Edna (Summers) Howell.

He married Merley Jean "Marilyn" Roark on Sept. 19, 1972, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Glenda Miller of Garrett, Kathy Patton of Auburn, Freda Koch of Waterloo and Brenda Jenkins of St. Joe; a stepson, Rex Roark of Garrett; two sisters, Betty Ann Smith of Middletown, Ohio, and Mary Jo Sumner of Vicco, Ky.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One stepson, Nelson Roark, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate, with burial in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Nancy Holiday

ANGOLA — Nancy H. Holiday, 63, of Angola, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Holiday worked as an Avon representative for the Avon Cosmetic Co. for 27 years. A graduate of Flint High School, she was a past president of the Jackson Township Home Economic Club.

She was born Nov. 4, 1936, in Steuben County to Harold and Lois Martell (Hughes) Brown.

On July 17, 1955, she married Richard Holiday, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Marker of Waterloo; a sister, Judy Miller of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Leisa Fluke, Travis Marker and Lyndsae Marker; and a great-grandchild, Koehl Fluke.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Brown.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl and the Rev. Richard Fredrick officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, and the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville.

Nicky Wright

AUBURN — Prominent automotive photographer Nicky Wright, 61, died in England on Jan. 17, 2000.

Wright had made many visits to Auburn to photograph cars in the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States.

Shortly before his death, Wright had transferred his picture library to NATMUS. He had intended to return to Auburn in February to work with the NATMUS staff to make his image collection available on the Internet, said NATMUS president John Martin Smith.

Wright lived in Marshall, Mich. He had returned to England for some projects when he became ill with pneumonia and died unexpectedly of complications, Smith said.

"The automotive hobby has lost a good friend and resource with the death of Nicky Wright," Smith said.

A memorial service and celebration of Wright's life will be held at NATMUS on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. All of his friends are welcome to attend or send written remembrances, Smith said.

Wright is survived by his former wife and friend, Becky Wright Richardson, and five children: Sharon Hodsdon in England, Julian Wright in Canada, and Ambre, Britainy and David in Marshall, Mich.

Memorial contributions for the benefit of Wright's minor children may be sent to John Martin Smith, president of National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS), P.O. Box 686, Auburn, In 46706.

Wright was the author of 21 books on automotive subjects ranging from Auburns to Ferraris, Mustangs and Vipers. He published articles and photo features in numerous magazines.

He was born and raised in Hampshire, England, and became well known for his photography of rock musicians before turning his attention to automobiles.

Wright photographed The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Animals, Eric Clapton Jeff Beck, The Beach Boys, Fats Domino, The Byrds, The Monkees and Ray Charles, among others. He first visited the United States in the 1960s when he was hired to travel with The Rolling Stones on an American tour.

Smith said Wright's most treasured photographic experience was earning high praise for his pictures of the Queen Mother when he was in his 20s.

Smith said Wright's father subscribed to Automobile Quarterly, where Nicky admired photographs of American cars. He vowed to his father that "one day I will have my pictures of beautiful cars in that magazine."

Wright began photographing cars for magazines in 1975 and published his first book about cars in 1981. His long list of credits included photography for Automobile Quarterly.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Paul L. Brumbaugh**, 67, died Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Elson E. Bingham**, 97, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Doris J. Barnes**, 77, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 26, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Fogle

SPENCERVILLE — **Charles M. Fogle**, 63, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at 10:50 a.m. in his home on County Road 64, Spencerville.

Mr. Fogle retired from Navistar in 1985 after 23 years of service. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville.

He was born March 26, 1936, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Raymond and Clara (Herschberger) Fogle. His mother survives in Hicksville and his father is deceased.

His first wife, Katherine J., died in 1977. His second wife, Nancy J. (Furnish) Fogle, survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Cynthia K. Gorrell of Harlan; three sons, Mark S. of Harlan, Martin F. of St. Joe and Mitchell S. of Hicksville, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Tonda J. Pence of Garrett; and Ronda K. Fogle and Sondra S. Doctor, both of St. Joe; one stepson, Davey L. Doll of New Carlisle; one brother, Floyd of Harlan; and 18 grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockmeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Ethel Reasoner

AUBURN — Ethel Mae Reasoner, 82, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at 11 p.m. in her home at Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn.

Mrs. Reasoner retired from Messenger Corp. in 1982, with 20 years of service.

She was born Nov. 10, 1917, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Robert Dale and Stella (Herrick) Welch.

She married Harold Reasoner, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Mary Welch of Auburn; one sister, Blanche Baker of Auburn; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth Welch of Auburn and Geraldine Welch of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Frank and Edward Welch.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Rob Seewald, associate pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Philip K. Lemon**, 64, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Kimmell United Methodist Church, Kimmell. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Jan. 27, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Flossie Shippy

KENDALLVILLE — Flossie M. Shippy, 88, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 26, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Shippy worked at No Sag Spring Co. in Kendallville for 20 years, retiring in 1975. She lived in Kendallville.

She was born Jan. 20, 1912, in Garrett.

She married Ward E. Shippy on March 19, 1932, in Kokomo. He died Nov. 7, 1998.

Surviving her are one son, Edison Shippy of Kendallville; one daughter, Valetta Gibson of Kendallville; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and two step-grandchildren.

One brother, William Freeman, and two sisters, Mary Eunice Kratzman and Thelma Frantz, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Marlene Vaughan

BEND, Ore. — Marlene Mae Vaughan, 64, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at her Black Butte Ranch home.

Mrs. Vaughan was a member of the Chapel of the Pines Community Church in Camp Sherman, and was a member and past president of the Black Butte Ranch Women's Association. She was treasurer of the Black Butte Ranch Ladies Golf Group, and the editor of the Sisters Habitat for Humanity newsletter. She enjoyed her grandchildren, golfing and whitewater rafting.

She was raised and educated in Indiana. She lived in Lake Oswego, Ore., for 25 years. She and her husband began building their Black Butte home in 1976 and moved there in 1992.

She was born March 22, 1935, in Steuben County to Floyd G. and Rowena (Beech) Clark. Her mother survives in Black Butte Ranch and her father is deceased.

She married Bruce Vaughan on Jan. 16, 1954, in Hamilton, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeff of Tualatin, Ore.; a daughter, Cheryl Hartley of Molalla, Ore.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sisters Community Church, 15220 McKenzie Highway, Sisters, Ore. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Pastor Ed Beacham of Chapel of the Pines Community Church will officiate.

Memorials are to Central Oregon Hospice, 2698 NE Courtney Drive, Bend OR 97701 or Sisters Habitat for Humanity, 141 W. Main Ave., Sisters OR 97759.

Autumn Funerals in Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Morrow

LEESBURG, Fla. — Charles Morrow, 51, died January 14, 2000, in his Leesburg, Fla., home.

Mr. Morrow was a former well driller and formerly lived in Butler.

He was born Nov. 28, 1948, in Auburn to Merrel and Nellie (McCann) Morrow. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Verna Morrow of Butler, Dennis and Linda Morrow of Lyons, Ohio, and John and Linda Morrow of Norwalk, Ohio; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Linda Roberts of Lafayette and Charmaine and Ronald Hulbert of Butler.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Butler Cemetery, with the Rev. Edward Hughes officiating.

Samuel Croft

FORT WAYNE — Samuel Croft, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 18, 1916, in Fort Wayne. He was a member of South Wayne Baptist Church. He worked as a general laborer.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; a son, Timothy J. Croft of Kendallville; two daughters, Sandra L. Arney of Fort Wayne, and Mary A. Stewart of Brandon, Fla.; two sisters, Barbara Winchester of Angola, and Bertha Carroll of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Marilyn J. Gogans**, 54, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Columbia City Freewill Baptist Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

ALBION — **Harvey J. Keister**, 90, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday in Wolf Lake Cemetery. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Earnest A. Duncan**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Township, 7914 W. Cook Road. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church.

LIGONIER — **Lisa R. Lash**, 30, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mabel Lower

AUBURN — Mabel W. Lower, 97, died today at 2:10 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Miss Lower worked for Messenger Corp. for 48 years, retiring Sept. 1, 1967. She lived on the farm of her birthplace, northeast of Waterloo, for 72 years before moving to Auburn in 1974.

She was born Sept. 4, 1907, in DeKalb County to William and Mary Ketel (Hickman) Lower.

Surviving her are four nieces, Dorothy Laub of Auburn, Mary Feller of Hot Springs Village, Ark., Gloria Whetstone of Hamilton and Patsy Bratton of Angola.

Two sisters, Goldie Miser and Beulah Parsons, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate, with burial in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Additional calling is Monday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Richard Thornburg

CELINA, Ohio — Richard S. Thornburg, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after apparently suffering a heart attack at his home.

Mr. Thornburg was a farmer and truck driver, and worked for several years in gas stations in Florida. He lived in Hicksville for many years, moved to Florida for 18 years and lived in Celina for the past six years. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville, where he was a deacon for several years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1932.

He was born July 21, 1917, in Hicksville to Ross and Iva (Sholl) Thornburg.

He married Virginia Darr in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving him are one stepdaughter, Wava Russell of Celina; one stepson, Bob Lantz of Edgerton, Ohio, two sisters, Georgia Schock of Fort Wayne and Lois Weeks of Fremont; two brothers, Bob of Eustis, Fla., and Blaine of Hicksville; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, Deloy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Pentti Maki will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is tonight after 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church of Hicksville.

Beverly Malcolm

GARRETT — Beverly J. Malcolm, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at 7:27 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Malcolm was a homemaker and had lived in Auburn for one year before moving to Garrett. She was a former resident of Floral City, Fla. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Floral City.

She was born Jan. 7, 1928, in Wolcottville to Archie and Annabelle (Phillips) Gillen. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert M. Malcolm on Nov. 28, 1953, in Kendallville. He died in 1990.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Terry Malcolm Sr. and Cherie Malcolm of Garrett; a grandson, Terry Malcolm Jr. of Angola; and two granddaughters, Angela Malcolm of Cameron Wis., and Carrie Malcolm of Garrett.

An infant daughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 11 a.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate, with burial in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

McKynzi Baughman

AUBURN — McKynzi Mae Obendorf Baughman was stillborn Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Shenna Obendorf and John Baughman, both of Auburn; her grandparents, Nelson and Peggy Obendorf of Auburn, William Baughman of Waterloo, and Tina Pun of Anchorage, Alaska; and her great-grandparents, Charles and Nina Sutton of Orland, Tom and Berniece Jackson of Stroh, Allen Obendorf of Montpelier, Ohio, and Garnet and Buster Baughman of Auburn.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family in care of Nelson Obendorf, 747 W. Ninth St., Auburn IN 46706.

Gandhiji Lingamneni

ANGOLA — Gandhiji B. Lingamneni, 54, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital of Indiana at Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kutumbharao, India, on Nov. 25, 1945, to Kutumbharao Lingamneni and Laxmi Manoharam Kadiyali. His mother survives in Hyderabad, India.

He was the owner of the Redwood Motel in Angola, Angola Cab and the Angola Newsstand.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth, of Angola; one son, Albert Ismael and two daughters, Lisa Ismael and Janet Lingamneni, all of Angola; two sisters, Sugna Chalasani of Boston and Jayasheree Mogala of Andrapradesh, India; and four brothers, Prasad, Gokule, Rangaji and Tilak, all of Hyderabad, India; and one grandchild.

Services will be held tonight at 8 in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Burial will be in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Red Cross.

Naomi Harris

PLEASANT LAKE — Naomi E. Harris, 84, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at Lakeside Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Harris was a homemaker and a cook at Pleasant Lake Elementary School. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Methodist Church, the Pleasant Lake Lioness Club, and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club.

She was born July 15, 1915, in Freeport, Ill., to A.B. and Bertha (Jacob) Grimm.

She married Lloyd Harris in May 1945. He died Sept. 23, 1982.

Mrs. Harris is survived by a son, Kenneth, of Chicago and formerly of Fort Wayne; a sister, Verna Grimm of Galveston, Texas; and two grandchildren, Kelly and Brian.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Rector T. "Rex" Billings, 79, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Arnold

ANGOLA — Mildred B. Arnold, 84, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Arnold enjoyed gardening, rock collecting, crocheting and traveling. She also collected antiques. She came from a family of 14 siblings.

She was born March 6, 1915, in Continental, Ohio, to Delford and Mary Ellen (Praul) Wing.

Surviving is her husband, Carlton Arnold, whom she married on June 3, 1935, in Greenville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kay Hinckley of Fairbanks, Ala.; two sons, Tim of Moscow, Mich., and Jeff of Fremont; three brothers, Walter Wing of Toledo, Ohio, William Wing of Inverness, Fla., and Rodney Wing of Garden City, Mich.; three sisters, Beulah Hire of Fremont, Vivian Morgan of Butler and Anna Lee Eberly of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nicholas Scott Arnold.

There will be no calling or services. Cremation already has taken place.

Arrangements were made by Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich.

Memorials are to the Fremont Community Church Activity Center, 3360 E. State Road 120, Fremont.

Jennie Capps

WOLF LAKE — Jennie Mae Capps, 86, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, in her home.

Mrs. Capps was a caregiver for the elderly and a member of the Wolf Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4717. She was educated in Noble Township.

She was born May 10, 1913, in Noble Township, Noble County to Charles Henry and Ruhi M. (Hile) Smith.

She married Joe M. Capps Sept. 5, 1970. He died July 6, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Mickey Bogg; two daughters, Patricia Howlett and Barbara Wilt of Wolf Lake; two brothers, Harry Smith of Columbia City and William Smith of Big Lake; a sister, Annabelle Anderson of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

A daughter, Roberta K. Boggs, two brothers, Charles and Thomas Smith, and two sisters, Lodema Thompson and an unnamed infant, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from noon-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Hugh Reynolds

ROME CITY — Hugh B. Reynolds Jr., 67, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mr. Reynolds was one of the owners of West Lakes Marina in Rome City, where he belonged to American Legion Post 381. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 276 in Kendallville. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a graduate of Avilla High School.

He was born June 23, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Hugh B. Reynolds Sr. and Mercedes Irene (Rife) Reynolds.

On Dec. 23, 1987, he married Margaret (Kaiser) Ruble. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two sons, David of Wolcottville and Steven of Rome City; three daughters, Sharlene Heine of Rome City, Debbie Knox of Avilla and Sherri Ramey of Kendallville; a stepson, Barry Ruble of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Darlene Holsinger of South Carolina and Cindy Wagner of Ligonier; a brother, William E. Reynolds of Rome City; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be in the funeral home Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Betty Sayles

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty Rose Sayles, 79, of rural Wolcottville, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at Riverbend Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sayles retired in 1978 as an agent of American Family Life Assurance Co. in Kendallville and Sturgis, Mich. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86, the Kendallville Women of the Moose 1301 and the Order of the Eastern Star in Wolcottville.

She was born March 6, 1920, in Garrett to Raymond and Velma (Groves) Ballentine.

On July 30, 1948, she married Gerald Sayles. He died Oct. 12, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Paul Lohrs of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen Sayles of Jenison, Mich.; and two grandsons, Craig Lohr of Fort Wayne and Steffan Sayles of Jenison, Mich.

A brother, Raymond Ballentine Jr., also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Sarah Helmuth

ANGOLA — Sarah E. Helmuth, 97, of Angola, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Fla.

Mrs. Helmuth was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Steuben County. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was born Aug. 8, 1902, in Pleasant Lake to Benson and Cora (Hendrickson) Dodge.

Surviving are a son, Walter Eugene Helmuth of Hudson, Mich.; a daughter, Marlene Bal of Angola; a brother, Wade Dodge of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Helmuth, on Sept. 23, 1970; a brother, Howard Dodge; and three sisters, Violet Saul, Ruby Brown and Josephine Crawley.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

John Presdorf

PLAINFIELD — John E. Presdorf, 68, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at his home in Plainfield.

Mr. Presdorf was retired from his career as an air traffic controller for the Indianapolis International Airport. He moved to Plainfield from LaGrange in 1959. He was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield.

He was born Dec. 28, 1931, in LaGrange County to Loren and Julia (Antonides) Presdorf.

Surviving him are two sons, Donald E. and Robert L., both of Plainfield; one sister, Mary B. Davis of West Chester; and one brother, David D. Presdorf of Butler.

A stepfather, Donald D. Presdorf, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Stanley Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Mary R. Whitehouse, 68, of Westminster, Colo., died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services on Wednesday.

WAWAKA — John F. Beckner Jr., 75, died at 6:20 p.m. Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

SYRACUSE — Michael L. McCauley, 51, died Thursday. Services were today in Syracuse.

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Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Parshall

LEESBURG, Fla. — Joseph Wesley Parshall, 82, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000.

Mr. Parshall was a long-time resident of Butler, where he was active in the community, served on the school board and was named Citizen of the Year in 1969. He was president of Hendrickson Tandem Corp. until his retirement in 1979, when he moved to Naples, Fla. He moved to Leesburg in 1995.

He was born in New York City and was raised in Chicago. He graduated from DePauw University and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Shriners, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving him are his wife of 51 years, Maida (Matthews) Parshall; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Craig Parshall of Atlanta, Ga., and Scott and Betsy Parshall of Austin, Texas; one daughter, Gay Childs of Atlanta; and one grandson, Brian of Austin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association of Central Florida, 1335 West Colonial Drive, Orlando FL.

A memorial service is planned at Lake Port Square in March.

John Presdorf

LAGRANGE — John E. Presdorf, 68, of Plainfield, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, in his home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1931, in LaGrange County to Loren and Julia (Antonides) Presdorf. His parents and his stepfather, Donald D. Presdorf, preceded him in death.

Mr. Presdorf, a retired air traffic controller for Indianapolis International Airport, moved to Plainfield from LaGrange in 1959. He was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield.

Surviving are two sons, Donald E. Presdorf and Robert L. Presdorf, both of Plainfield; a sister, Mary B. Davis of West Chester, Ohio, and David D. Presdorf of Butler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange or to a charity of the donor's choice.

William Dembickie

GARRETT — William Dembickie, 76, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at 2 p.m. in his home on Cowen Street in Garrett.

Mr. Dembickie was a Eucharistic minister and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry. He worked on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a machinist on steam locomotives for 18 years, retiring in 1960. He then worked at the Falstaff Brewery and Garrett Community Hospital. He later was superintendent of the City of Garrett's street and water departments. He served as a councilman-at-large for the City of Garrett from 1988 to 1992.

He was past commander of Garrett American Legion Post 178, where he served as chief architect and engineer for the building project. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Catholic Church and Harvest House. He enjoyed golf, horseshoes and playing cards.

He was born Aug. 3, 1923, in Garrett to John and Mary F. (Kostlelney) Dembickie.

He married Mary Catherine Mezydlo on Sept. 12, 1946, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Janet Dembickie of Fort Wayne, Richard and Linda Dembickie of Ora Valley, Ariz., and Steven and Gail Dembickie of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Tom Engle of Middletown, R.I., and Nancy and Steve Stine of Garrett; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Michael, Frank, Edward and Joseph; two sisters, Anna DePew and Helen Dembickie; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, with military graveside service by the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic School Tuition Fund or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Stephen VanCleve

KENSINGTON, Ohio — Stephen W. VanCleve, 60, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at 11:47 p.m. in his home in Kensington, Ohio.

Mr. VanCleve retired in 1995 as a vice president of Tusco Manufacturing. He formerly worked at Electric Motors of Garrett, Alliance Manufacturing, and the New York Central Railroad.

He was a 1957 graduate of Mattoon High School in Mattoon, Ill., and was educated at Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, Mo. He was a past member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Auburn Jaycees.

He was born July 28, 1939, in Indianapolis to James P. and Louise M. (Kirkling) VanCleve. They survive in Van Wert, Ohio.

He married Lynda Dianne Magnuson on July 17, 1976, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen S. of Austin, Texas, Bradley D. of Salem, Ohio; two daughters, Shawna VanCleve of Aspen, Colo., and Stephanie A. Agrella of Hanoverton, Ohio; a stepson, Cory J. Magnuson of Hanoverton; one sister, Judith A. Knodel of Van Wert; and six grandchildren.

One brother, James C. VanCleve, preceded him in death.

Memorial services were held Jan. 18 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Bonnie Habbersett officiating.

Wilma Dunafin

LAGRANGE — Wilma M. Dunafin, 85, of LaGrange, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, in her home.

She was born July 3, 1914, in LaGrange County to Schuyler E. and Sarah Jane (Rowlison) Coney. On Nov. 27, 1931, in LaGrange, she married Arthur J. Dunafin. He preceded her in death July 23, 1977.

Mrs. Dunafin, a lifetime resident of the Mt. Pisgah area, was a homemaker and a clerk at the Mt. Pisgah General Store. She had lived in the same home for 63 years.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Kenneth Northup, Shirley and Donald Freed and Bonnie and Everett Flath Jr., all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerald and Emily Dunafin of LaGrange; three sisters, Virginia Noll of Ashley, Norma Nelson of Angola, and Phyllis Northup of LaGrange; a brother, William Coney of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Northup, on April 8, 1975; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Thelma Diltz and Elizabeth Albright.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Floyd Robbins

AUBURN — Floyd U. "Dutch" Robbins, 90, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at 4:30 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Robbins retired in 1974 from Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn with 28 years of service in the maintenance department. He attended the Indian Village Church of God.

He was born July 11, 1909, in Auburn to Herbert and Mary Bell (Snyder) Robbins. They preceded him in death.

He married Henrietta L. Ball on June 26, 1930, in Charlotte, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ann Robbins of Auburn; one daughter, Connie Malcolm of Garrett; one brother, Wilbur E. Robbins of Florida; two sisters, Vera Riggenbach of Florida and Marjorie Johnson; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Tamarack Cemetery, rural Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Florence Starrett

ORLAND — Florence L. Starrett, 92, of Orland, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at Florida Heartland Hospital, Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Starrett was a retired postmaster of the Orland Post Office. She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Ashley.

She was born May 24, 1907, in Akron to Mayford and Genieva (Brock) Wakley.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruby Ann Dennison of Zolfo Springs, Fla.; two grandsons, Rick Dennison of Bradenton, Fla., and Randy Dennison of South Bend; three stepdaughters, Evelyn Winebrenner, Ada Weinberg and Marian Neadstine, all of Bonita Springs, Fla.; two stepsons, Charles Starrett of Bonita Springs, and Elmer Starrett of Paragould, Ark.; 14 stepgrandchildren; and one niece.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Almon Starrett, in 1984.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Kirk T. Trowbridge Jr.**, 22, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Rowena Sue Ewing**, 42, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Joan Harroff

KIMMELL — Joan Harroff, 68, of Kimmell, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, in her home.

She was born Aug. 16, 1931, in Columbia City, to Ace and Mary Aldene (Shroyer) Erdly.

Mrs. Harroff, a lifetime area resident, was a cook at Walker's Restaurant in Wolf Lake, and she had worked in the deli at Stover's SuperValu in Ligonier.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Isham of Garrett; a son, Ron Harroff of Kimmell; a sister, Helen Stangland of Albion; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Rick and Randy Harroff, and a brother, Jim Erdly.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. George Cecil officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.



Harroff

Earl Richards

SOUTH MILFORD — Earl M. Richards, 86, of rural South Milford, died at 3:15 p.m. in his residence on Monday, Jan. 31, 2000. He had been in failing health the past several years.

He was born Aug. 5, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to Edward and Dessie Eliza (McCoy) Richards. On Dec. 25, 1934, in Avilla, he married Mary Ellen Fogel. She survives.

Mr. Richards, a farmer, was past fire chief and original founder of the South Milford Fire Department. He was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, the Cree Lake Conservation Club and LaGrange Farm Bureau.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Harvenia Richards and Donald and Alice Richards, all of Avilla, and Paul and Karen Richards and Lee and Teresa Richards, all of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Caroline Henney of Corunna, Mary Jane and Bill Lamm of Boston, N.Y., and Patricia and Terry Swick of Angola; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Lee Henney.

Memorial services will be held at the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, on Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Schell

AUBURN — Kenneth A. Schell, 76, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 8:50 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Schell worked at the Allen County Public Library for 20 years, retiring in 1990. He also was a sales representative for Schlatter Hardware of Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

He was a member of Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10849 and a past commander. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 725 in Fort Wayne, Allen County Police Reserve, and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 14, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Alfred O. and Emma M. (Eubank) Schell.

He married Norma J. Galbreath on July 29, 1978, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel K. Schell of Crown Point; two daughters, Diane Fredrick of Chicago and Patty Schell of Port Richey, Fla.; two sisters, Margaret Rose Schell Frazier of Hudson and Chellie Englehart of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 4-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Patrick Starbuck

BUTLER — Patrick Eugene Starbuck, 29, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 7:31 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Starbuck graduated from Hicksville High School in 1989.

He was born July 26, 1970, in Fort Wayne to Deverl and Kitty (Davis) Starbuck. They survive in Hamilton.

Also surviving him are one sister, Amy Reid of Angola; one brother, Travis Starbuck; one daughter, Lindsay Starbuck of Kunkle, Ohio, one son, Billy Brink of Butler; his fiancée, Vicky Mason; and his grandparents, Robert Davis and June Davis.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is tonight after 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Willard Witmer

WOODBURN — Willard L. Witmer, 48, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Witmer was a concrete contractor for 27 years and was a member of the Central Mennonite Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 27, 1951, in Auburn to Menno J. and Rosa (Eicher) Witmer. They survive in Leo.

He was raised in Leo and later moved to Woodburn.

On Nov. 7, 1970, he married Debbie Brown in Leo. She survives in Woodburn.

Mr. Witmer is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Willard Witmer Jr. of Woodburn, and Wesley and Joyce Witmer of Woodburn; a sister, Marilyn Witmer of Leo; and a brother, Donald Witmer of Leo.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Central Mennonite Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Wayne Goldsmith officiating. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery.

Calling is today and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Funeral arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Willodean Kirkpatrick

CHURUBUSCO — Willodean L. Kirkpatrick, 77, of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died at 1:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, in the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in failing health for some time and had entered the nursing home in December 1999.

She was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Collins in Whitley County, to Thomas and Maude Elizabeth (Bennett) Gaff. On July 13, 1941, in Peru she married John B. Kirkpatrick Sr. He preceded her in death April 14, 1996.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a lifetime Churubusco area resident, had lived at her most recent home in Eel River Township since 1952. She was a homemaker and member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Frank Demaree of Churubusco, and Pam and Craig Whonsetler of LaOtto; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dick and Louise Kirkpatrick of Rome City, Jack and Karen Kirkpatrick of Auburn, and Larry Kirkpatrick of Garrett; 20 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are five brothers, Thurlo "Frog" Gaff of LaOtto, Rodger Gaff of Nappanee, John Gaff of Columbia City, Raymond L. Gaff of Muncie, and Leonard "Jake" Gaff of Hometown; and five sisters, Ilene Gordon, Mary Gray, Neva Fulk and Shirley Stamp, all of Churubusco, and Barbara Leitch of Danville, Iowa.

A son, John "Butch" Kirkpatrick, preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1999; and a brother Carl E. Gaff died Nov. 23, 1996.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Memorials are to Comprehensive Home Health and Hospice in Kendallville.

Bertha Brooks

AVILLA — Bertha F. Beeber Brooks, 86, of Avilla, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 11 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Brooks served as deputy treasurer for the City of Auburn from 1931 to 1937. She was the Garrett's clerk-treasurer from 1956 to 1964. She also worked for the Garrett city clerk from 1975 to 1984 before retiring.

She was a member of the Rosary Society, Harvest House, the Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She also was secretary of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born April 2, 1913, to Henry B. and Susan H. (Walsh) Vanderbosch.

On July 29, 1936, in Garrett, she married Arthur Beeber. He died April 9, 1955.

She married Dudley D. Brooks on April 4, 1964, in Garrett. He died Nov. 18, 1986.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Becky Habig, and a grandchild.

She is survived by two sons, Jack Beeber of Avilla and Ron Beeber of Arlington Heights, Ill.; two sisters, Ursula Leeson of Garrett and Margaret Hruban of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Daniel R. Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mary Frazier

ORLAND — Mary F. Frazier, 82, of Lake Gage, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at her home.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Calling is 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Union City Cemetery, with graveside services at 3 p.m. Friday in the cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Stephen VanCleve

KENSINGTON, Ohio — Stephen W. VanCleve, 60, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at 11:47 p.m. in his home in Kensington, Ohio.

Mr. VanCleve retired in 1995 as a vice president of Tusco Manufacturing. He formerly worked at Electric Motors of Garrett, Alliance Manufacturing, and the New York Central Railroad.

He was a 1957 graduate of Mattoon High School in Mattoon, Ill., and was educated at Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, Mo. He was a past member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Auburn Jaycees.

He was born July 28, 1939, in Indianapolis to James P. and Louise M. (Kirkling) VanCleve. They survive in Van Wert, Ohio.

He married Lynda Dianne Magnuson on July 17, 1976. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Stephen S. of Austin, Texas, Bradley D. of Salem, Ohio, and Cory J. Magnuson of Hanoverton; two daughters, Shawna VanCleve of Aspen, Colo., and Stephanie A. Agrella of Hanoverton, Ohio; one sister, Judith A. Knodel of Van Wert; and six grandchildren.

One brother, James C. VanCleve, preceded him in death.

Memorial services were held Jan. 18 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Bonnie Habbersett officiating.

Memorials are to The Colon Rectal Cancer Institute, 3520 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15213.

Ruth Dailey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ruth Charlene Dailey, 69, of Wolcottville, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1930, in Huntington to Edward and Anna (Ludwig) Krumanaker. On Sept. 27, 1952, she married Jimmy R. Dailey. He preceded her in death in 1973.

Mrs. Dailey had lived in Huntington and Albion for most of her life and moved to Wolcottville in 1994. She was a production supervisor at Monsanto, retiring in 1986 after 20 years of service. She was a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Wolcottville, and the Wolcottville American Legion Post Auxiliary.

Surviving are three daughters, Charlene F. Dailey of Wolf Lake, Laura L. Hursey of Ligonier and Anna M. Allen of Hamilton; two sons, William R. Dailey of Albion and James E. Dailey of Cecil, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Schere of Huntington and Dorothy Droze of Marshfield, Wis.; a brother, Paul "Bud" Krumanaker of Durand, Mich.; her stepmother, Julianna Krumanaker of Huntington; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Krumanaker and Bill Krumanaker, and two sisters, Mary Ballard and Rose Elliott.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, in the fellowship hall where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in the church.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier, and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Judith Shie-Youngberg

FORT WAYNE — Judith A. Shie-Youngberg, 57, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was employed by Whitley Products in South Whitley.

Surviving are her husband, John Youngberg of Minnesota; a stepson, David Youngberg of Nephi, Utah; two brothers, Thomas Horstman of Auburn and Ronald Horstman of Fort Wayne; one sister, Patricia Coscia of Columbus, Ohio; and two stepgrandsons, Dustin and Kyler Youngberg of Nephi.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Nephi.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Ervin Lambright

LIGONIER — Ervin W. Lambright, 72, died at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, in Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient since Jan. 26. He had been ill for some time and was living at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier.

He was born Oct. 28, 1927, in LaGrange County to William and Ada (Schrock) Lambright. He married Katie J. Miller and she preceded him in death in April 1973.

Mr. Lambright had lived all of his life in the Honeyville and Ligonier area. He had worked for more than 20 years for Starcraft in Topeka and was a member of Wawasee Chapel in Syracuse.

Surviving are a daughter, Amanda Leamon of Syracuse; a son, William Lambright, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Chris (Mary) Knepp of LaGrange, Edna Borkholder of Topeka, and Mrs. Monroe (Rosa) Hochstetler of Middlebury; and a brother, Orva W. Lambright of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a son, Glenn Joe Lambright, on June 26, 1999; and two brothers, Melvin W. Lambright and William Lambright Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Harlan Steffen of Wawasee Chapel officiating. Burial will be Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Maple Grove Church.

Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Clayton Ellert

AUBURN — Clayton "Curly" Ellert, 80, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, in his home on South Indiana Avenue.

Mr. Ellert was born in Ashley. He worked at Dunn Brothers Implementations in Waterloo for 14 years, DeKalb Distributing Co. in Auburn for six years, and for the CSX Railroad for 11 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo.

He married Mary Anderson on June 24, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She died July 31, 1991.

Surviving him are one son, William of Auburn; one daughter, Rebecca Ann Ellert of Auburn; three brothers, Carl and Ben, both of Auburn, and James of Carpinteria, Calif.; five sisters, Marie Blomeke and Rita Roark, both of Auburn, Barbara Bounds and Theresa Stanley, both of Galeta, Calif., and Bertha Cox of Elkhart; and one granddaughter, Peyton Olivia Ellert.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard, Jerome "Dick" and Edward, and one sister, Irene Ellert.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Earl Richards

SOUTH MILFORD — Earl M. Richards, 86, of rural South Milford, died in his residence on Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. He had been in failing health the past several years.

He was born Aug. 5, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to Edward and Dessie Eliza (McCoy) Richards. On Dec. 25, 1934, in Avilla, he married Mary Ellen Fogel. She survives. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Richards, a farmer, was past fire chief and original founder of the South Milford Fire Department. He was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, the Cree Lake Conservation Club and LaGrange Farm Bureau.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Harvonia Richards of Avilla, and Donald and Alice Richards, Paul and Karen Richards and Lee and Teresa Richards, all of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Caroline Henney of Corunna, Mary Jane and Bill Lamm of Boston, N.Y., and Patricia and Terry Swick of Angola; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Lee Henney, and a sister, Edith Coil.

Memorial services will be held at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, on Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Calling is from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church.

Wayne Buell

PLEASANT LAKE — Wayne E. Buell, 84, of Pleasant Lake, died at 7:05 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

He was born in Steuben County on Feb. 13, 1915, to Willis E. and Lillie A. (Ingledue) Buell. On July 10, 1938, in Steuben County, he married Margaret June Tubbs. She preceded him in death Dec. 4, 1997.

Mr. Buell, a lifetime Steuben County resident, was a retired farmer and had worked for the county and state highway departments.

His only survivors are cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Tubbs, a nephew, officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is from 6-7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Mary A. Stroup, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Evelyn Maxine "Sue" Myers, 68, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Dale Ward

BUTLER — Dale F. Ward, 83, died Friday morning, Feb. 4, 2000, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mr. Ward was a farmer and was retired as a quality control foreman for Universal Tool & Stamping of Butler. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Concord Masonic Lodge and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Sept. 18, 1916, in Piper City, Ill., to Albert and Jesse Ward.

He married Leota Hart on April 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons, A.B. of Butler and James E. of Montpelier, Ind.; two daughters, Rosemary Luker and Karen (Burnett) McKnight, both of Butler; two sisters, Audra Holtzworth of Harlan and Esther Applegate of Hicksville, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert, and two sisters, Anna Myers and Donna Wilmot.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastor Todd Steere will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Ceme-

tery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ Preschool, 6813 County Road 64, St. Joe IN 46785.

Florence Gordon

AUBURN — Florence E. Gordon, 92, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, at 2:40 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Gordon was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 24, 1907, in Alexandria, Ind.

She married Paul R. Gordon on Nov. 16, 1929. He died April 29, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond M. of Columbia City and Eugene of Noblesville; one daughter, Martha Baysinger of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Stella Flecker, and one great-granddaughter, Veronica Wasik.

Services will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. A rosary service

will begin at 2:40 p.m. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Steuben County chapter or the Alzheimer's Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information

Wayne Buell

PLEASANT LAKE — Wayne E. Buell, 84, of Pleasant Lake, died at 7:05 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

He was born in Steuben County on Feb. 13, 1915, to Willis E. and Lillie A. (Ingledue) Buell. On July 10, 1938, in Steuben County, he married Margaret Jne Tubbs. She preceded him in death Dec. 4, 1997.

Mr. Buell, a lifetime Steuben County resident, was a retired farmer and had worked for the county and state highway departments.

Surviving are one son, Addie of Butler, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Tubbs, a nephew, officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

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Deaths/Funerals

Gladys Cripe

ANGOLA — Gladys L. Cripe, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, in her York Township home.

Mrs. Cripe was a homemaker and a member of York United Methodist Church in Fremont.

She was born Feb. 1, 1911, in Fremont to Clyde Ray and Florence (Musser) Nedelee.

Surviving are a sister, Willa Jean Claywell of Battle Creek, Mich.; two nieces, Waunetta Tennant of Onondaga, Mich., and Joyce Easterday of Rome City; a nephew, Bill Reade of Wolcottville; two great-nephews and one great-niece.

Her husband, Morris R. Cripe, preceded her in death Aug. 19, 1967. Two sisters and a brother also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Travis Hostler of York United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to York United Methodist Church.

Richard Sanders

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard L. Sanders, 71, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sanders was a farmer and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 13, 1929, in Angola to Nelson and Iona (Crowl) Sanders.

On March 5, 1960, he married Dorothy J. Meyer, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Paul R. Sanders of Pleasant Lake, and three granddaughters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Eric E. Stoops of the Hamilton Methodist Church officiating.

A graveside military service will be conducted by American Legion Post 31 at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Weicht Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola and Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Hilda Carroll

GARRETT — Hilda A. Carroll, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Carroll was a finisher at Garrett Flexible Products for 13 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and a lifelong Garrett resident.

She was born March 27, 1913, in Huntertown to Daniel and Rena (Bond) Bauer.

She married Manford Carroll on Dec. 24, 1934, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1941.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Robert Hissong of Corunna; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Sharron Carroll of Hudson, Everett and Sharon Carroll of Southgate, Mich., Robert and Ruey Carroll of Corunna, and Kenneth and Joan Carroll of Hudson; 18 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Ovid Bauer, and one grandchild.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Helen Snyder

GARRETT — Helen L. Snyder, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, at 11:55 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Snyder was a dietary aide at Garrett Hospital and a homemaker. She lived in Garrett, then resided at Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn for five years before moving to the nursing home five years ago. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born Dec. 18, 1909, in Williamsport, Pa., to William and Maude (Hummel) Purcell.

Her first husband, Ralph Weaver, died in 1939. Her second husband, Charles W. Schemery, died Sept. 12, 1977. Her third husband, Raymond Snyder, died May 13, 1988.

Surviving her are three sons, Charles Weaver of South Whitley, Ollie Weaver of Placentia, Calif., and Pete Weaver of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Cindy Heffley of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Nellie Irene Hummel, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Ollie Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Margaret Armagast

AVILLA — Margaret E. Armagast, 45, of Ozark, Ala., and formerly of Avilla, died at 2:35 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, in Lubbock, Texas, following an eight-year illness.

She was born May 1, 1954, in Garrett to James J. and Martha (Ley) Ross. Her mother survives in Avilla. On June 3, 1972, in Avilla, she married Paul L. Armagast. He survives in Vinegrove, Ky.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Amber) Cruz of Texas, and Michelle Armagast of Texas; a son, Kenneth Armagast of Kentucky; four sisters, Nancy Hippenhammer of Adams Lake, Linda Anglin of Kendallville, Becky Smith of Avilla, and FAYANNE MORR of Golden Valley, Ariz.; four brothers, Kenneth Ross, Joe Ross and Phillip Ross, all of Kendallville, and John Ross of LaGrange; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the family.

Franklin Norrick

BUTLER — Franklin H. Norrick, 79, died today, Feb. 7, 2000, at 6 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Norrick was retired as a laborer for Commercial Shearing Inc. in Butler.

He was born Dec. 25, 1920, in Allen County to Harrison and Nora Frances (Cook) Norrick.

Surviving are one daughter, Tammy Wright of Flagstaff, Ariz.; three sisters, Pauline Burkmire and Ina Kitchen, both of Butler, and Hulda Libey of Angola; and two grandchildren.

One sister, Mary Morrow, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lyman O. Johnson**, 100, died Friday at 2:30 p.m. Services were held today in Albion.

AVILLA — **Virginia Mae Myers**, 83, died Saturday at 6:10 a.m. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services.

CHURUBUSCO — **David Emmert Barnhart**, 91, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Churubusco.

LAGRANGE — **Robert F. Lovaas**, 79, of LaGrange, died Saturday. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Marjorie A. Rouch**, 70, of Ligonier, died Thursday. Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Freed

WATERLOO — Ruth E. Freed, 96, died today, Feb. 8, 2000, at 2 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Freed was a homemaker and lived in Smithfield Township. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 19, 1903, in DeKalb County to Charles and Sophia (Schweitzer) Campbell.

She married Harold Freed on Dec. 18, 1924, in Ashley. He died Jan. 18, 1985.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Lowneta Freed of Waterloo, and Everett and Virginia Freed of Waterloo; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dorothy and Don Ankney of Naples, Fla., and Doris Sanders of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Harold Pfaff

HARTSELLE, Ala. — Harold R. Pfaff, 94, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, at 3:20 a.m. in Falkville Nursing Home at Falkville, Ala.

Mr. Pfaff was a trimmer operator in a paper mill. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Hartselle, Ala. He had lived in Alabama since 1975.

He was born Sept. 17, 1905, in Garrett to Emanuel G. and Martha (Genda) Pfaff. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorothy F. Henson on Nov. 23, 1964, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She died in December 1998.

Surviving him are two stepdaughters, Margaret Merritt and Glenda Marie Roberts, both of Alabama; one brother, Ralph E. Pfaff of Garrett; one sister, Aileen Sartor of Garrett; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Tom Novy will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide information not originally given to The Evening Star.

Margaret Armagost

AVILLA — Margaret E. Armagost, 45, of Ozark, Ala., and formerly of Avilla, died at 2:35 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, in Lubbock, Texas, following an eight-year illness.

She was born May 1, 1954, in Garrett to James J. and Martha (Ley) Ross. Her mother survives in Avilla. On June 3, 1972, in Avilla, she married Paul L. Armagost. He survives in Vinegrove, Ky.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Amber) Kruz of Texas, and Michelle Armagost of Texas; a son, Kenneth Armagost of Kentucky; four sisters, Nancy Hippenhammer of Adams Lake, Linda Anglin of Kendallville, Becky Smith of Avilla, and Fayanne Morr of Golden Valley, Ariz.; four brothers, Kenneth Ross, Joe Ross and Phillip Ross, all of Kendallville, and John Ross of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Robert Harris, Mark Kruz and Jasen Kruz; and a special friend, Mike Whittington.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Ross, and a brother, Allen Ross.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the family.

Richard Middleton

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard L. Middleton, 70, of Wolcottville, died at 12:07 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2000, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Fort Wayne on April 19, 1929, to Lester O. and Ruth (McCoy) Middleton. On Aug. 26, 1950, in Fort Wayne, he married Gloria R. Hagan. She survives.

Mr. Middleton moved from Fort Wayne to this area in 1967. He was employed in shipping and receiving at Flint & Walling Mfg. Co. in Kendallville, retiring in 1981. He attended South Milford Church of Christ and was a member of the Moose Lodge. He had been president of the union at Flint & Walling for five years. He loved fishing and was an avid IU fan.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Billie and Mike Rupert of Hudson, and Jodie and John Evans and Connie Kessler, all of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Linda Middleton of Corunna, and Jay Middleton of Auburn; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Joan Luessenhop of Angola, and Barbara and Chuck Burelison and Shirley and Mike Radke, all of Columbia City, and Norma and Norv Brotherton and Bonnie McMahon, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Don Middleton of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren, Mike Walkup, Adam Middleton, Sean Middleton, Josh Rupert, Brent Rupert, Jason Heffley, Nate Heffley, Jesse Middleton, Sarah Middleton, Amy Rupert, Stacy Spornhauer, Stephanie Spornhauer and Mandy Heffley; three great-granddaughters, Kelsey Middleton, Zoey Heffley and Abbey Walkup; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

Dessa Wolf

PLEASANT LAKE — Dessa Mae Wolf, 97, of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wolf, a homemaker, was a member of the Mount Zion Methodist Church and the Ashley chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born May 17, 1902, in Steuben County to Henry and Dora (Hoyer) Sunday.

On July 14, 1920, she married C.H. "Hazel" Wolf. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1977.

Surviving are a son, Dean W.

Wolf of Pleasant Lake; three daughters, Willa Jean Resler of Plymouth, Donna May Adams of Cassopolis, Mich., and Nancy Lee Sharpe of Grand Blanc, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Steven Sharpe, and a sister, Vera Swager.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Mount Zion Ladies Aide, the Steuben County Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Johnston

GARRETT — Helen Mae Johnston, 85, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2000, at 4:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Johnston was the owner and operator of Helen's Beauty Shop in Garrett for 16 years. She lived most of her life in Garrett and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosary Sodality, Eagles Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Willsborough, Ind., to Thurman A. and Christinia (Hively) Siders.

She married John M. Johnston on Dec. 1, 1945, in Garrett. He died in 1965.

Surviving her are a half-brother, Raymond Siders of Waco, Texas; and a nephew, Richard A. Cady of Traverse City, Mich.

One brother, Charles Siders, and two sisters, Ethel Milks and Mary Cady, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Sarah Lee

AUBURN — Sarah Katherine Lee, 84, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2000, at 2:40 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lee retired in 1958 from the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 12, 1916, in Indiana to John and Mary (King) Cutshall.

She married Lawrence Lee on April 12, 1949, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine Joan and John Weimer of Auburn, Mary Sue and Harry Hoham of Auburn, and Diane Daisy and Edwin Perkins of Kendallville; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Warden Cutshall, and four sisters, Katurah McClain, Lucille Berger, Thelma Peters and Ruth Patkus, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — Miriam Pauline McCulloch, 79, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there after 10 a.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Bradford

GOSHEN—Helen E. (Scott) Bradford, 86, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at 8:02 a.m. in Carriage Manor.

She had lived at Carriage Manor for three years and previously lived at two other addresses in Goshen.

She was a co-owner of Bradford's Grocery, which closed in 1969. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Goshen for more than 60 years; belonged to the Business & Professional Women's club in Goshen for more than 50 years and was a past president; and was a member of the Eastern Star and the Historical Society in Goshen. She was a 1931 graduate of New Paris High School.

She was born Jan. 17, 1914, in Benton to Edward G. and Mabel (Sargent) Scott.

She married William A. Bradford on May 21, 1932, in Goshen. He died Aug. 9, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law: Iretta A. and Bruce Hanna of Hudson, Atta "Tatsy" and Mervin Hayes of Hudson, and Ann E. and Wendell Kreider of Goshen; one son, Edward Miles Bradford of Goshen; two sisters and their husbands, Lois and Joseph Bradford of Goshen and Alice and Leroy Reeder of Elkhart; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Wilbur Scott.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Church of Christ, Goshen. The Rev. Richard Warner will officiate. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Riether-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Church of Christ or ADEC.

Richard Young

KENDALLVILLE — Richard D. Young, 58, of Kendallville, died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, in the V.A. Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born March 28, 1941, in Elgin, Ill., to Kenneth and Myrtle (Stewart) Young.

Mr. Young served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-66. He was the self-employed owner of the former Big Bill's BBQ in Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons, Richard A. Young of Garrett, and Kenneth W. Young of Rome City; a sister, Patricia Triplett of Auburn; a half-brother, Melvin Young; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and his mother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

James Maxfield

MUNCIE — James R. Maxfield, 49, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2000, in the afternoon at Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center.

While living in the Muncie area, he was a bus driver for Muncie Transit and worked at Miller Tire. His hobbies were working as a disc jockey and music. He was a member of Blackford Baptist Temple.

Mr. Maxfield grew up in Great Barrington, Mass., and graduated from Otter Valley High School in Brandon, Vt.

He was born in Potsdam, N.Y., to Eileen Embree Maxfield and Hayden Maxfield. His mother survives in Lee, Mass., and his father preceded him in death.

Surviving him are five brothers and two sisters-in-law, John and Rebecca Helwig of Auburn, Earl Maxfield of Garrett, Geoffrey Smith and Charles Maxfield, both of Lee, Mass., and Tim and Vicki Maxfield of Williamston, Mass.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sue and Terry Finch of Tracy, Calif., Vicki and Steve Forfa of Pittsfield, Mass., and Lisa Favors of Eaton; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Elaine Helwig, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in The Meeks Mortuary in Muncie, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to Blackford Baptist Temple, 2252 N. State Road 3, Hartford City IN 47348.

Area Deaths

ALBION — William L. Wilson, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Albion Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-9 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Olive Culler

AUBURN — Olive M. Culler, 99, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at 6:02 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler. She lived in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Culler was born May 7, 1900, in Hicksville, Ohio, to William and Edith (Bercaw) Keesberry.

She married Joe S. Culler in Pleasant Lake. He died Oct. 8, 1986.

Surviving her are a daughter-in-law, Betty Culler of Ellenton, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Max Culler; three sisters, Daisy Lash, Mabel Blalock and Hazel Brandon; one brother, Carl Keesberry; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Wilda Cole

ANGOLA — Wilda V. Cole, 86, of Angola, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cole was the owner of the Hoosier Hills Restaurant and the Mayfair Restaurant in Angola. She also worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola. She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born June 3, 1913, in Hartford City to Ira and Ruby (Mann) Beery.

Surviving are a son, Steven Fast of Angola; two stepdaughters, Kay White of Santa Maria, Calif., and Carol Klink of Ashley; a grandson, Mitchell Williams; six step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Cole.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Larry Kuhn officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Lucille Weimer

AUBURN — Lucille M. Weimer, 92, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at 12:45 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Weimer was a store clerk for 10 years and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge, senior citizens groups in Butler and Auburn, and Harvest House in Auburn. She was a life member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born March 27, 1907, in Avilla to Henry and Henrietta (Borck) Lemper.

She married Walter Weimer on Aug. 10, 1929, in Allen County. He died in July 1984.

Surviving her are five sons, David and John W., both of Auburn, Robert L. of Golden Lake, Ronald of Dry Gulch, Ky., and Roger of Fremont; two daughters, Velma Jean Maier of Fort Wayne and Janet Kessler of Auburn; one brother, Herman Lemper of Auburn; two sisters, Hellen Close of Birmingham, Mich., and Delores Ferrell of North Carolina; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Florence Lemper, and three brothers, Bernard, Howard and Wilbur Lemper, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn; with calling after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate, with burial in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley's Hospital for Children or masses at the church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — James C. Hague, 64, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Delbert Shultz

ANGOLA — Delbert H. Shultz, 74, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at his home.

Mr. Shultz was a farmer and a school bus driver for Flint and Prairie Heights schools for more than 50 years. He also was an Angola Moose Lodge member, a former Steuben County commissioner and Steuben County Drainage Board member, a former Steuben County Plan Commission member and a former member of the Del-Ray Trio.

He was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Angola to Harold and Marriett (Notestine) Shultz.

He married Beverly Shultz, who preceded him in death in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Benninghoff of Angola; a son, Scott of Angola; a sister, Dorothy Cool of Angola; and a brother, Gaylord of Angola.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Emil Smith

FORT WAYNE — Emil Smith, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith also had lived in the Angola and Fremont areas. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was a former steel worker at Slater Steel, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Emil and Lillian (Schock) Smith.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Bohling of Avilla; a brother, William E. Smith of Sacramento, Calif.; five nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mari I. (Frantz) Smith, in 1987, six sisters and two brothers.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Robert McConeghy

GREENWICH, Ohio — Robert J. McConeghy, 71, died on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at IHS of New London at Firelands.



McConeghy

He lived in the Garrett and Auburn areas from 1952 until he moved to Greenwich, Ohio, in 1990. He was a sergeant with the Garrett Police Department from 1965 to 1969 and worked at Federal Gear in Kendallville from 1965 to 1986. He worked at Hamilton E.P.I. in Hamilton from 1986 to 1989. He worked in two general service administration and military warehouses from 1951 until 1965.

Mr. McConeghy was born Dec. 2, 1928, in Greenwich, Ohio, to Daniel and Florence (Chandler) McConeghy.

In 1942, he moved to Norwalk, Ohio, where he graduated from Norwalk High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1947 until 1951, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He was an aircraft mechanic on all systems of the C-47. He was a member of the North Fairfield American Legion Post 706.

Surviving him are one daughter, Kristine R. Mighell of DuQuoin, Ill.; two sons, Bradley J. McConeghy of Garrett and John C. Mighell, stationed with the U.S. Marines in Japan; three sisters, Ellen Willet of Brunswick, Ohio, Marjorie Toth of Nova, Ohio, and Edith Cady of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Dan, Gordon, John and Howard.

Graveside services will be held Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. in Edwards Grove Cemetery in Greenwich, with military rites. Pastor Bob Hudberg of the Ripley Church will officiate.

Eastman Funeral Home in Greenwich is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Virginia B. Gross, 83, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-7 p.m. Sunday. FORT WAYNE — Maurice R. Disler, 96, died Jan. 30. Services and burial were held in Florida.

FORT WAYNE — Ruth E. Fairfield, 92, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1125 S. Barr St. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour before services at the church.

FORT WAYNE — Gregory A. Thayer, 43, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, 8325 Covington Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

NEW HAVEN — Bertha M. Voigt, 92, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Suzette Nelson

ANGOLA — Suzette K. Nelson, 36, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater.



Nelson

Mrs. Nelson was the manager of The Tanning Hut in Angola and co-owner of Angola Auto Electric Co.

She was born Jan. 23, 1964, in Angola. Her parents, Gene Scott of Kendallville and Diana (Wilkins) McCollough of East Gilead, Mich., survive.

Also surviving are her husband, Mark Nelson, at home; a son, Devin Lee Karn of Hillsdale, Mich.; two daughters, Shantell Kay Karn of Hillsdale, and Katrina Nelson, at home; a half-sister, Marissa Scott of Columbia City; her grandparents, Paul and Marrietta Scott of Florida; and a grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James C. Troust officiating. Cremation will follow at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Katrina Nelson Fund in care of First National Bank of Fremont.

Albertus Miller

FREMONT — Albertus H. "Al" Miller, 77, of Fremont, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Miller was an avid trapper and fisherman. He retired as a supervisor in 1982 after 25 years at Moore Business Forms, Angola. He was an Army Ranger during World War II and a prisoner of war in Germany for 16 months. He was a 32-year member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

He was born Dec. 1, 1922, in Cleveland to Holgar and Mabel (Smith) Miller.

On March 24, 1967, he married June (Clark) Miller, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathy Masters of Fremont; two sons, Dale Clark of Verona, Wis., and Gary Clark of Montgomery, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jesse Clark of Verona, Renee Hulien of Lafayette, and Jennifer and Gregory Clark of Fremont; a brother, Tom Miller of Kendallville; and two half-sisters, Norma Patton of Collierville, Tenn., and Nancy Greek of Defiance, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, in 1968.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military graveside committal services by Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Charles Fink

FREMONT — Charles O. Fink, 76, of Fremont, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Fink was a retired carpenter, an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

He was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Fremont to Donald and Cleota (Bressler) Fink.

On April 1, 1971, in Yuma, Ariz., he married Phyllis D. (Stevens) Fink. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Annetta McAllister of Coldwater, Mich., Anette Decker of Hobbs, N.M., and Jennie Holder of Fremont; a son, Donald E. Fink of LaGrange; two stepsons, Richard Newset of Bridgeport, Mich., and Leonard Newsted of Avondale, Ariz.; a sister, Carma Bressler of Anaheim, Calif.; and 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Private family services are planned with no calling.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mary Hanson

BOONE, Iowa — Mary Katherine Lowe Hanson, 79, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, in Boone County Hospital.

She was a mother and homemaker, and had worked as a secretary for various firms in Sabetha, Kan., and Chicago, during World War II in upstate New York, and after the war in McPherson, Kan. She studied voice privately in Chicago and at McPherson College, and was a soloist for weddings, funerals and church services. She was a youth leader and lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Hanson was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Sabetha, Kan., to Floyd and Claudia (Murray) Lowe.

She graduated from Sabetha High School in 1938, and pursued her education in religious studies at Bethany Biblical Seminary Training School in Chicago.

She married Marvin Hanson on Dec. 27, 1942, in Batavia, Ill., and he survives. Her older brother, the Rev. Leonard Lowe, performed the ceremony.

Also surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Claudia J. Hanson and Sonny Baron of Washington, D.C.; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey L. Bell-Hanson and Karen S. Bell-Hanson of Hancock, Mich.; and one sister, Violet Lowe Fricke of Topeka, Kan.

Her stepfather, Edward Young, and two brothers, Robert M. Lowe and Leonard M. Lowe, preceded her in death.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Trinity Brethren Church in Sabetha, or the First United Methodist Church in Boone.

The Cremation Society of Iowa is in charge of arrangements.

John Daniel Butler

Harlan — 1938-2000

John Daniel Butler, 61, of Harlan, a native of DeKalb County, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at Parkview Hospital. He retired in 1998 from Advanced Mixer.

Surviving are his wife, Carol L.; daughters Debra Seafolk of Hamilton and Shawn Zschernitz of New Haven; a son, Mike Wellman of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Barbara Posey of Robbins, Tenn.; stepsons Bobby J. Hughett of Schweinfurt, Germany, and James W. Butler of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Sandy Puckett of Eagle River, Alaska; brothers Frank of Harlan and Don of Fort Myers, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tami Hall.

Private services were held Wednesday.

Information provided by Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, 657-5308.

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Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Dilley

AUBURN — Margaret B. Dilley, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at 3:45 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dilley was a homemaker and clerk, retiring in 1993 from Spade Plumbing & Heating in Auburn. She was a Girl Scout leader and a member of the Auburn Fire Department Auxiliary, DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

She was born Oct. 17, 1915, in Nebraska to Ora E. and Grace Elisabeth (Scovill) Meese.

She married Howard V. Dilley on Oct. 3, 1936 in Waterloo and he died July 9, 1977.

Surviving her are one daughter, Helen Gerig of New Haven; three sisters, Ruth Riddle of Omaha, Neb., May Billings of Auburn, and Doris Sample of Aurora, Neb.; three granddaughters, Ellen Wallseck of Grayslake, Ill., Kim Woh of New Haven, and Maree Schrock of Shipshewana; and four great-grandchildren, Kandi, Heaven, and Sheldon Schrock, all of Shipshewana, and Corbin Woh of New Haven.



Dilley

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy and Carolyn; two brothers, Clarence and Elmer; and two foster brothers, Ernest and Raymond.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Susan Poynter will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to Tri Kappa of Fort Wayne, or Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

Samuel Mills

ANGOLA — Samuel L. Mills, 51, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Mills was the owner of C&M Finishing, Angola. He was a graduate of Union City (Mich.) High School and a former resident of Bronson, Mich.,

He was born Dec. 29, 1948, in Jackson, Mich., to Arthur Paul and Anna Ruth (Mahr) Mills.

On May 2, 1986, he married Kathy (Bellinger) Mills, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Trevor Mills of Angola; a daughter, Tracy Mills of Angola; three stepdaughters, Brandy L. Sears, Shannon R. Sears and Carrie A. Sears, all of Angola; four brothers, Pat of Coldwater, Mich., Bruce of Kalamazoo, Mich., Tom of Sarasota, Fla., and Mike of Marshall, Mich.; two sisters, Deb Balowski and Theresa Mills, both of Coldwater; and a granddaughter, Brianna Cody.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jonah Fuquay

AUBURN — Jonah Michael Paul Fuquay, 1 month old, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Jan. 15, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, to Tara Epple and Brian Fuquay. They survive in Evansville.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Timothy and Renee Epple of Auburn, and Michael and Deborah Fuquay of Evansville; his great-grandparents, Richard and Lois Rodenbeck of Fort Wayne, Robert and Mary Ruth Epple of Fort Wayne, Estella and Larry Miller of Fort Wayne, Milton and Betty Fuquay of Evansville, and William and Joyce Coleman of Evansville; and his great-great-grandparents, Otto and Doris Rodenbeck of Fort Wayne, Bertha Jensen of Clearwater, Fla., and Doreth Coleman of Evansville.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Concordia Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American SIDS Institute, 2480 Windy Hill Road, Suite 380, Marietta GA 30067.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Donald H.

"Puffer" Puff, 68, died at 4:07 p.m. Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — Darold H.

Emrick, 92, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — Marguerite C.

Leeson, 84, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary E.

Wigent, 96, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Amber Fisher

FREMONT — Amber R. Fisher, 85, of Fremont, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at her home.

Mrs. Fisher, a homemaker, was born Jan. 16, 1915, in Kendallville to Harry and Hazel (Crawford) Lisle.

In June 1938, she married Robert E. Fisher, who preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Richard F. Fisher of Fremont, and Michael Fisher of Coldwater; five grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert E. Fisher, on June 23, 1987, and two brothers, Hugh and Clair Lisle.

Private family graveside services are pending. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Frederic Berkley

SOUTH MILFORD — Frederic F. Berkley, 65, of South Milford, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, in his residence.

He was born July 30, 1934, in Milan, Mich., to Oscar and Alice (Fullerton) Berkley. On Nov. 6, 1982, in Fremont, he married Sherry Lunsford. She survives.

Mr. Berkley was employed as a machine operator at Rivnut Engineered Products in Kendallville.

Other survivors are two sons, David Berkley of Battle Creek,

Mich., and Frederic M. Berkley of South Milford; a daughter, Kally Jo Stoy of Charlotte, Mich.; a sister, Lou Stanton of Milan, Mich.; a grandson, Christopher Berkley of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three granddaughters, Jennifer Anderson of California, Krystal Bauman of Battle Creek, Mich., and Lorissa Newman of Charlotte, Mich.; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael F.; and a sister, Shirley Niga.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights Middle School Athletic Department.



Berkley

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Charles R. Kimmel, 80, and his wife, Mildred Kimmel, 79, were killed Sunday in an auto accident in Noble County. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Gladys Fradenburg

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Gladys M. Fradenburg, 92, of Montgomery, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at The Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Fradenburg enjoyed traveling, fishing and playing euchre and spent her winters in Port Salerno, Fla. She was a member of the California United Presbyterian Church and a member of the women's association. She also was a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the California Garden Club and the Tri-State Senior Citizens Club.

She was born June 16, 1907, in California Township, Branch County, Mich., to Artie and Blanche (Hammon) Hall.

Surviving are a daughter, Yvonne Everline of Montgomery; five grandchildren and their spouses, Samuel and Jean Everline of Coldwater, Scott and Sandra Everline of Montgomery, Sherie and Charles Stempien of Coldwater, Steven and Stephanie Everline of Camden, Mich., and Terry Everline of Port Salerno; and 11 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ford A. Fradenburg, and a brother, Lyle Hall.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in California United Presbyterian Church, California Township, Mich., with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, California Township, Mich.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to California United Presbyterian Church.

Louise Carruthers

AUBURN — Louise Ann Shook Weiler Carruthers, 78, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at 12:25 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Carruthers had been the owner of Supreme Transit Mix in Waterloo since 1970. The company was founded by her first husband, Gerald "Jake" Weiler, and her brother. It is now operated by her son, Albert Weiler, and Argyle Bassett.

She graduated from Auburn High School and Ball State University. She taught music in the Auburn schools and DeKalb County Central United School District. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, where she served as choirmaster for many years. She was an associate member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, Fla.

She was born Aug. 4, 1921, in Auburn to Harry and Alma (Leins) Shook. They preceded her in death.

She married Gerald "Jake" Weiler in 1944. He preceded her in death in 1970.

She married Dr. Wallace Carruthers in 1975, and he survives.

Also surviving are five children, Kristen Weiler of Chicago, Kendra Brinkerhoff of Garrett, Albert Weiler of Auburn, Kay Vanasco of Chicago, and Kennis Jarvis of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren, ages 10 through 27 and living in areas from London, England, to Chicago.

Her brother, Max Shook, preceded her in death in 1958.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family will receive friends in the church following the service.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Franklin McCormick

ANGOLA — Franklin R. McCormick, 74, of Angola, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, in Angola.

Mr. McCormick, a U.S. Navy veteran, worked for the First National Bank of Fremont for 10 years. He also was the administrator of the Steuben County Rest Home for 15 years.

He was a member of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, the Angola American Legion Post 31 and the Associated Churches of Steuben County.

He was born June 29, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Regina (Ketterm) McCormick.

On Nov. 3, 1943, he married Dorothy A. (Hoyer) McCormick, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Roxanne McCormick of Kendallville, and Ronald and Sandy McCormick of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Bill Arnold of Angola; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Logan McCormick, and a sister, Helen Hillig.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox, the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and Pastor Philip Abram officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mount Zion Methodist Church and the Associated Churches of Steuben County.

Eunice Miller

HUDSON — Eunice E. Miller, 59, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, in her residence.

She was born in Steuben County, Aug. 21, 1940, to Vern and Esther (Grate) Denison. On Aug. 19, 1961, in Fort Wayne, she married Gerald "Jerry" Miller, who survives.

Mrs. Miller, a lifetime Steuben County resident, was a graduate of Salem Center High School. She was retired from Magnavox and was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Toni Miller and Mrs. Dean (Dawn) Spangler, both of rural Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Lauri Miller of Sturgis, Mich.; a half-sister, Kathryn Trattles of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a half-brother, Ralph Randall of Ashley; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Jerry Lee Allread Jr.**, infant son of Jerry and Terri Allread, died 6:52 p.m. Monday. Private graveside services today in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Jennie M. Merrill**, 69, died noon Tuesday. Services 10 a.m. Monday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and from 2-7 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and two hours before services at the church on Monday.

CHURUBUSCO — **James S. "Sid" Arnold**, 76, died at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

CROMWELL — **Doris Brewer**, 66, died Monday in Cromwell. Services at 10 a.m. Friday, in Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier. Calling from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

HUNTERTOWN — **Eva M. Shultz**, 89, died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dr. Alden B. Thompson**, 80, a longtime Kendallville dentist, died Friday in Naples, Fla., where he and his wife, Doris, lived in the winter. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, in Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Laura Rathbun Garr

FREMONT — Laura M. Rathbun Garr, 43, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ms. Garr was a machine operator at Bundy Tubing, Ashley. She attended Jamestown Church, Fremont.

She was born Feb. 22, 1956, in Angola, to Vere and Norma (Lytle)

Rathbun. Her mother survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are her longtime companion, Patrick M. Garr of Fremont; two sons, Nicholas R. and Justin M. Garr, both of Fremont; two sisters, Judith Worthington of Angola and Rita Potts of Ashley; and two brothers, Robert and Larry Rathbun, both of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1979 and a sister, Marilyn Hudson, in 1990.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale E. Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mary Hageman

MESA, Ariz. — Mary (Carmer) Hageman, 94, of Mesa, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, in Mesa.

Mrs. Hageman was a homemaker and a former resident of Fort Wayne and Clear Lake.

She was born Dec. 19, 1905, in Fort Wayne to William and Lillian "Lilly" Carmer.

Surviving are seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place this summer at the Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel, where she and her husband, Harry, were charter members.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two daughters, Beverly and Mary Ellen.

Memorials are to the Clear Lake Lutheran Chapel, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake.

William Wright

ASHLEY — William E. "Sugar Bill" Wright, 56, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after an extended illness.

Mr. Wright was a disabled factory worker and lived in Ashley. He was a member of Zulu's Motorcycle Club in Indiana.

He was born Aug. 3, 1948, in Harold, Ky., to William Hawkins Wright and Jenny (Layne) Wright.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Mary O. (Strum) Wright; three sons, Jeffrey Allen Wright and Christopher Wright, both of Detroit, and Timmy Wright of Clyde, Ohio; three daughters, Kimberly Wright of Lincoln Park, Mich., Angie Erikson of Coldwater, Mich., and Nicki Wilkinson of Alford, Fla.; three brothers, Frank Wright of Taylor, Mich., Price Wright of Willis, Mich., and Tommy Wright of Clinton Township, Mich.; two sisters, Phyllis Dillon of Loraine, Ohio, and Virginia Mae Webb of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with the Rev. Lori Vannucci officiating. Burial will be in Bush Cemetery, Harold, Ky.

Calling is Saturday after 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mary West

BUTLER — Mary E. West, 78, died today, Feb. 17, 2000, at 3:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. West was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and Franklin Township Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born June 26, 1921, in Houston, Texas, to Elmer and Josephine (Hayes) Burdick.

She married Albert Roy West. He died Dec. 24, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jerry and Ferbia West of Garrett, Jim West of Kelso, Wash., and John West of Butler; two sisters, Janice Wolfe-Keen of Butler and Judy Buckingham of Jameson Lake, Ind.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Darwin "Duke" West, and his wife, Phyllis.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Dean Rimes will officiate, with burial in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Alice Mae Baker, 86, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Dr. Bryce Treadwell

AUBURN — Dr. Bryce B. Treadwell, 62, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at 7:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a medical doctor, practicing at the Garrett Clinic from 1967 to the present. He practiced at the Donley Clinic in Kingman, Kan., from 1965-1967.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1955 and from Albion College in Albion, Mich., in 1959 with a bachelor of arts degree. He graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1964 with a doctor of osteopathy degree.



Treadwell

Dr. Treadwell was the medical director of DeKalb Hospice and Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, and was a member of the DeKalb County Medical Association. He was a member and past president of the Indiana Osteopathic Association.

He was a member of the Garrett Historical Society and Garrett Model Railroad Club.

He owned the Auburn KOA campground and belonged to the Family Motor Coach Association and Indiana Campground Association.

He was born July 29, 1937, in DeKalb County to Dr. Dale Treadwell and Charlotte Christine (Walkinshaw) Treadwell.

His first wife, Rhea Smith Treadwell, died in 1996.

Surviving him are his second wife, Stephanie Penland Sprankle Treadwell; one son, Christopher Treadwell of Indiana; three daughters, Cindee Crosby of Hanscom Air Force Base, Maine, April Free-

man of Auburn, and Misty Treadwell of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Samuel Sprankle of Bloomington; two stepdaughters, Nancy Jones of Louisville, Ky., and Rebecca Sprankle of Auburn; three sisters, Charlotte Scott of Livingston, Tenn., Rebecca Henry of Holt, Mich., and Pamela Kock of Columbia City; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Jernigan Sr.

AUBURN — Paul R. Jernigan Sr., 78, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at 8:05 p.m. in Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jernigan was a molder at the Auburn Foundry for 35 years, retiring in 1983. He served in the U. S. Navy. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, and the Garrett Elks and Eagles lodges.

He was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Rich Square, N.C., to Paul Hunter Jernigan and Pearl (Futrell) Jernigan.

He married Geraldine McKinney on July 29, 1943, in Pensacola, Fla., and she survives.

Also surviving him are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul R. Jernigan Jr. and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont, John W. and Sigrid Jernigan of Auburn, and Roger A. and Diane Jernigan, also of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonita K. and Ronnie Howe, and Brenda D. and Rick Boylan, all of Auburn; two brothers, Earl of Lewiston, N.C., and Thomas of Spring Lake, N.C.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One brother, William, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

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Jernigan

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She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. Dean Rhine will officiate, with burial in the Butler Cemetery.

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Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

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AUBURN — Paul R. Jernigan Sr., 78, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at 8:05 p.m. in Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jernigan was a molder at the Auburn Foundry for 35 years, retiring in 1983. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, and the Garrett Elks and Eagles lodges.

He was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Rich Square, N.C., to Paul Hunter Jernigan and Pearl (Futrell) Jernigan.

He married Geraldine McKinney on July 29, 1943, in Pensacola, Fla., and she survives.



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Also surviving him are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul R. Jernigan Jr. and Roberta Jernigan of Fremont, John W. and Sigrid Jernigan of Auburn, and Roger A. and Diane Jernigan, also of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonita K. and Ronnie Howe, and Brenda D. and Rick Boylan, all of Auburn; two brothers, Earl of Lewiston, N.C., and Thomas of Spring Lake, N.C.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One brother, William, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marilyn Forbes

ASHLEY — Marilyn Forbes, 58, of Ashley, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at Hospice Home of North-

east Indiana.

Mrs. Forbes was born April 18, 1941, in DeKalb County. She was employed by Dana Credit Union in Angola.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry Forbes, at home; one son, Gary Forbes of Hicksville, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Ken Fenker of Leo, Jodi and Tom Grever of Kansas City, Mo., and Maria and Doug Geese of Huntertown; her father, B. Wayne Durst of Butler; one brother, John Durst of Monticello; one sister, Connie Williams of Escondido, Calif., and four grandchildren, Katie, Matthew and Amanda Fenker and Hanna Geese.

Her mother, Joyce Mark Durst, and one brother, Fred Durst, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lauretta Gfeller

WATERLOO — Lauretta D. Gfeller, 99, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, at 10 a.m. in her home in rural Waterloo.

She was a retired school teacher. She attended District No. 10 grade school, across the road from St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. She graduated from Waterloo High School and attended Tri-State College for two years. She continued her education at Ball State University for three years.

She taught at Waterloo Elementary School for two years, in Albion, Mich., for two years, at Wolcottville High School for five years, and at Ashley High School for 29 years, teaching shorthand, bookkeeping and typing. She retired in 1964.

She was a lifetime member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its Rosary Society. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Retirement Association and an honorary member of Pi Omega Pi Business Fraternity.

Miss Gfeller was born Jan. 16, 1901, in Waterloo to Frank W. and Anna M. (Schiffli) Gfeller.

Surviving her is one brother, Raymond of Waterloo.

One brother, Clarence Gfeller, and one sister, Olivia Gfeller, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the church or masses.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Onstott

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kenneth A. Onstott, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000, at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Onstott was a retired welder, and owned and operated Kenny's Muffler Shop in Hicksville, Ohio. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born May 23, 1917, in Sherwood, Ohio, to James and Ellen (Croyle) Onstott.

He married Edith Maxine Stewart on March 14, 1938, in Auburn. She died March 19, 1996.

Surviving him are one daughter, Rose Collier of Houston, Texas; two sons, Kenneth Onstott Jr. of Venice, Fla., and Dennis Onstott of Houston; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Four brothers, Ralph, Harry, Henry and Durbin Onstott, and a sister, Blanch, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Doug Holley officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association-Northern Indiana Chapter, 425 N. Michigan St., Suite 308, South Bend IN 46601-1236.

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Blanche Goe

AUBURN — Blanche A. Goe, 79, of Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived most of her life in Auburn and was a sales clerk for many years. She was a past member of the Christian Church of Newville.

She was born Oct. 12, 1920, in Newville. On March 6, 1937, in Waterloo she married Charles P. Goe, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Irene Goe of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Ben Quaintance of Auburn; a sister, Iva Schucher of Wabash; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by seven sisters and four brothers.

Services and visitation will be private. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Heimach Center.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Winifred Cameron

ANGOLA — Winifred Carol Cameron, 61, of Angola, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Ms. Cameron was a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Mich. She was a social worker for Hamilton County, Ohio, in Cincinnati, where she was employed 25 years. She also taught elementary school for four years.

She was born Dec. 22, 1938, in Cleveland to William and Winifred E. (Drescoe) Cameron.

Surviving are a sister, Judy Ruselink of Angola; a brother, William Cameron Jr. of College Point, N.Y.; and eight nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, with burial following. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church and the Shriners' Childrens Hospitals.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Doyle Hewitt

KENDALLVILLE — Doyle A. Hewitt, 89, died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Hewitt was born May 31, 1910, in Paulding, Ohio, to Jasper and Jenny (Brown) Hewitt. On Oct. 15, 1947, in Angola, he married Ida Bower, who survives.

He retired as a custodian from Fairfield High School and was a member of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Roland Hewitt of Wolcottville, Joseph Hewitt of Kimmell and Jeffrey Hewitt of Ligonier; two daughters, Lori Stallings of Kendallville and Valerie Handshoe of Avilla; one brother, Paul D. Hewitt of Kendallville; three sisters, Pearl Newman of Kendallville, Maxine Gray of Huntertown and Delores Coney of Kendallville; and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sons and one daughter and two sisters and one brother.

There will be no services.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to The Wreck in care of Harvest

Bessie Baker

GARRETT — Bessie E. (Hagg) Baker, 84, of Garrett, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, at 9:10 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She worked at Stillman's and Wolf & Dessauer, both in Fort Wayne. She retired as a homemaker. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church since 1972, and the Eagles Lodge.

She was born April 18, 1915, in Pierceton to Charles Edward and Luvena V. (Wissler) Hagg.

She married Leo L. "Tubby" Baker on March 10, 1934, in North Manchester. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Edgar Smith; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry and Danny Baker, and a brother, Arnold D. Hagg.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Larry Smith of Garrett United Methodist Church presiding. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — Jonas C. Beachy, 88, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Mr. Beachy's residence at 2805S — 1000W, Shipshewana. Calling is all day today in the family residence.

CROMWELL — Jean F. Gorsuch, 70, of Goshen, a Cromwell native, died Wednesday. Services were Saturday in Goshen and burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

COLUMBIA CITY — Wilma B. Ott, 9, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

NAPPANEE — Jack R. Cunningham, 64, a Noble County native, died Friday. Services were held today in Goshen. Burial was in Bremen Cemetery.

GOSHEN — Terrill D. Martin, 2 months, a Topeka native, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Yellow Creek Frame Wisler Mennonite Church. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the family home, 2220 Ind. 119, Goshen.

ALBION — Theresia M. Mulvaney, 87, of Fremont, Calif., formerly of Albion, died Friday. Services at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

PAULDING, Ohio — M. Ethel Baxter, 66, sister of a LaGrange resident, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rose Hill Church of God, Paulding, with calling there one hour before services Thursday. Calling also from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday in Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Deaths/Funerals

Larry Forker

FORT WAYNE — Larry R. "Buzz" Forker, 61, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Forker worked as an electrician at Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne from Nov. 1, 1962, until the present. He was a former Garrett resident, moving to Fort Wayne 12 years ago. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge and the United Auto Workers at Zollner.

He was born Feb. 16, 1939, in Albion to Robert H. and Donnabelle (Prouty) Forker. They survive in Albion.

He married Judith E. Vice on Jan. 21, 1961, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Brad S. Forker of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Guy D. Forker of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Charles Lemmon, Patty and Kent Schlotterback, and Nancy and Steve Jeffries, all of Albion; and two grandchildren, Veronica and Nathaniel Forker, both of Denver.

One brother, Scott Forker, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Parkview Hospice.

Louis Jones

CONNEERSVILLE — Louis Jones, 68, of Connersville, died Sunday, Feb. 20, at his residence.

From 1996 to 1999, he had lived in Angola. In his leisure time, he was an avid raccoon hunter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Myers Chapel, Connersville, with Pastor Ronnie Steele officiating. Burial will be in Dale Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center for cancer research.

Robert Borger

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville businessman and civic leader Robert C. Borger, 82, died at 10:06 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Borger was born in Chicago on April 13, 1917, to Harry and Esther Borger. On May 2, 1942, he married Elaine Berniece Peterson, who died April 3, 1967. On Nov. 18, 1967, in Kendallville, he married Elsie Mae Ostrander, who survives in Sarasota.

Mr. Borger founded Hy-Matic Manufacturing Inc., 205 W. Ohio St., Kendallville, in 1962. He retired from there in 1987 but continued to serve as chairman.

Mr. Borger was a member of the Chicago White Sox baseball team. He worked as head of engineering for International Harvester Co. before founding Hy-Matic. He was a member of the board of directors of the Cole Foundation, was a past director of Campbell & Fetter Bank, and was also a board member of the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Borger was very active in the Youth for Christ organization.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Richard Borger of Kendallville; two daughters, Susan Schwartz of Ashley and Debra Ohneck of New Haven; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Along with his first wife, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Jack Borger, and one sister, Mildred Cokeing.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Church of the Palms in Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the church of the donor's choice.

Vera Shew

COLONA, Ill. — Vera L. Shew, 72, of Colona, Ill., formerly of Mongo, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at Trinity West Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 6, 1927, in DeKalb County to Justin "Bud" and Caroline E. (Gilberth) Lower. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives. On June 27, 1972, in Angola, she married Walter R. Shew, who survives.

Mrs. Shew retired from DeSauliners Printing Co., Moline, Ill., and was a former employee of Sturgis Newport, Sturgis, Mich. She moved to Illinois from Mongo in 1972.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Allen Kuhn of Fremont and Douglas Kent Kuhn of LaGrange; one stepson, David Shew of Moline; four sisters, Betty Jean Troyer of Howe, Ruth Shipe of LaGrange, Janet Peters of LaGrange and Clara-bell Miller of Lillian, Ala.; two brothers, Larry Lower of LaGrange and Ronald Lower of Wolcottville; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Dorothy Mae Boocher, and a brother, Lee D. Lower, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Imal Quandt

AUBURN — Imal B. Quandt, 95, died today, Feb. 22, 2000, at 1 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a desk clerk at the YMCA of Fort Wayne for several years.

Mrs. Quandt was born Feb. 4, 1905, in When, Ohio, to George and Lucretia (Everett) Weimann. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Mark Quandt, and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving her is one niece, Martha Burklo of Lima, Ohio.

A brother, Leonard Weimann, and a sister, Mabel Thomas, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Lima.

Memorials are to the YMCA of Fort Wayne.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being reprinted to provide information about calling hours.

Doyle Hewitt

KENDALLVILLE — Doyle A. Hewitt, 89, died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Hewitt was born May 31, 1910, in Paulding, Ohio, to Jasper and Jenny (Brown) Hewitt. On Oct. 15, 1947, in Angola, he married Ida Bower, who survives.

He retired as a custodian from

Fairfield High School and was a member of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Roland Hewitt of Wolcottville, Joseph Hewitt of Kimmell and Jeffrey Hewitt of Ligonier; two daughters, Lori Stallings of Kendallville and Valerie Handshoe of Avilla; one brother, Paul D. Hewitt of Kendallville; three sisters, Pearl Newman of Kendallville, Maxine Gray of Huntertown and Delores Coney of Kendallville; and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sons; one daughter, two sisters and one brother.

Calling hours are 4 to 8 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to The Wreck in care of Harvest Community Church.

Area Deaths

BLUFFTON — **Blenda L. Harold**, 77, died Sunday. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church. Calling is an hour before services Thursday at the church and also from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

AVILLA — **Clara Dafforn**, 82, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with calling there an hour before services Thursday. Calling also from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with a rosary service there at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Katie Hart

ANGOLA — Katie Lou Hart, 77, of Angola, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hart was a homemaker and a member of the Ladies of the Elks, Angola.

She was born June 9, 1922, in Jackson, Mich., to Wiley and Ida May (Frisbie) Bryan.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa Munger of Angola, and Vickie Samec of Wainfleet, Ontario, Canada; a sister-in-law, Barbara Jean Wells of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel C. Hart, in 1995.

Private family services will be held Thursday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Linda Martin officiating. Cremation will be at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ray Ernsberger

HELMER — Ray R. Ernsberger, 76, died at 10:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ernsberger was born Feb. 13, 1924, in Continental, Ohio, to Cliff and Elva (Pilcher) Ernsberger. On June 15, 1942, in Angola, he married Maxine Wilcox, who survives in Helmer.

He was a 30-year Helmer resident. He and his wife owned and operated Ernsberger Wood Shop for 30 years. He was a 1942 graduate of Salem Center High School and was a former member of the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Keith Ludwig of Toledo, Ohio; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Stephen Ernsberger of Angola and Dan and Mary Ann Ernsberger of Brushy Prairie; one sister, Thelma Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Ray, Douglas, Diane and Sherry Ernsberger, Tracy Lawrence, Trinda Wheeler and Robin and Kevin Ludwig; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Ernsberger, who died in 1985.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham, pastor of Helmer United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake Road.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 24, 2000

Ross Winebrenner

AUBURN — Ross Winebrenner, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000, in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn.

Mr. Winebrenner was born Oct. 22, 1918, in Auburn. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving him are three brothers, Jack of Auburn, Harold of Arizona, and Robert of California; and five sisters, Dorothy Acker of Auburn, Helen Dennison of Waterloo, Ester Pfeiffer of Tennessee, Betty Kimmel of Fort Wayne, and Carol German of Illinois.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Josephine Acker, Edith Days and Violet May; and a brother, Carl Winebrenner.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 24, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Ray Blair

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ray Blair Sr., 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000, at noon in Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blair was a farmer in Farmer, Ohio, and formerly lived on Greenlawn Drive in Hicksville. He also worked in a machine shop, was a vegetable gardener, played checkers and cards, and was an avid bowler. He graduated from Farmer High School in 1936.

He was a member of the Farmer Church of Christ and Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was born April 30, 1918, in Farmer to Harry and Lilly (Van Horn) Blair. They preceded him in death.

He married Elizabeth Rose Sheets on Dec. 25, 1943. She died in 1980.

Surviving him are one daughter, Rachel D. Mohan of Fort Wayne; one son, Ray D. Blair Jr. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mona Rowan and Dorothy Rowan, both of Hicksville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Eunice Elser, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Kevin Duval of Broadway Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer.

Calling is Thursday after 2 p.m. and Friday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Fort Wayne or the Alzheimer's Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Theresia M. Mulvaney**, 87, of Fremont, Calif., formerly of Albion, died Friday in Fremont, Calif. Services at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion at 11 a.m. Friday. Calling is one hour before services Friday at the church and from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **Jesse W. Wagner**, 84, died today.

Services will be at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling at the funeral home two hours before services Friday.

Phyllis Walters

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Marcile Walters, 68, died at 3:05 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She had been in failing health for about two years.

Mrs. Walters was born Dec. 15, 1931, in the Ashley/Hudson area to Morton and Maude J. (Reinoehl) Snyder. On May 8, 1955, in Ashley, she married Harry J. Walter, who preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1995.

She was a 1949 graduate of Ashley High School and had sold Avon products for 22 years.

Surviving are two nephews, LaVern Hovarter of Lapaz and Ronald Hovarter of Elkhart; one niece, Carolyn Grzesiak of Granger; and two brothers-in-law, Harold Walters of Claypool and Wilbur Eakright of Wabash.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Vernon M. Kaufman**, 82, a former Topeka businessman, died Tuesday in his home. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

ALBION — Memorial services will be held for **Susan T. Prickett**, 87, Sunday at 1 p.m. in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Mrs. Prickett died Friday. There will be no calling, but there will be visitation with the family at the church after the memorial service until 4 p.m.

HOWE — **Anna M. Hochstetler**, 85, died today in her home. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Allen Bontrager residence at 3065N — 250W, LaGrange. Calling is tonight and all day Friday at the family residence at 3430N — 200W, Howe.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Coggeshall

ANGOLA — Robert Calvin Coggeshall, 74, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at Chandler Regional Hospital, Chandler, Ariz.

Mrs. Coggeshall sold real estate, was a farmer, worked for Brand's Country Kitchen in Fort Wayne and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a member and elder of the Angola Christian Church and a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born March 16, 1925, in Stroh, to Roscoe and Lola (Hutchens) Coggeshall.

On March 18, 1946, he married JoAnn (Pfingstag) Coggeshall, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael of Corydon, Terryl of Henrietta, N.Y., and Todd of Phelps, N.Y.; two daughters, Kathryn Marley of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sally Coggeshall of Naperville, Ill.; two brothers, Ledford Coggeshall of Port Angeles, Wash., and Roy Coggeshall of Tipton, Mo.; five sisters, Rhulie Dole of Pleasant Lake, Venus Pfafman of Seattle, Betty Simon of Stroh, Retha Crain of Fremont, and Patricia Frederick of Turkey Lake.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Angola Christian Church, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with a military graveside service by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Adell Brown

HAMMOND — Adell L. Brown, of Hammond, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at Munster Community Hospital in Munster.

Mrs. Brown retired in 1976 after serving for many years as a classified advertising adviser for The Times of Northwest Indiana newspaper. She was a 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church, Hammond.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Ross, at home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay W. Brown of Hammond, and Dr. James and Linda Brown of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Maejean and William Dunfee of Lafayette; four grandchildren, David Brown of Jacksonville, Fla., Michael and Phillip Brown of Angola, and Danielle Harper of Las Vegas, Nev.; five great-grandchildren, Heather, David and Alexander Harper, and Katlyn and Brayden Brown of Jacksonville; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Karen Zajkowski.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Donald (Leota) Cornwell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church Chapel, Hammond, with Dr. David Schrader officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville.

Calling is from 7-9 tonight at the McCoy Funeral Chapel, 5713 Hohman Ave., Hammond.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Hammond.

McKinley Hess

CORUNNA — McKinley D. Hess, 79, died at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn following a brief illness.

Mr. Hess was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Raven, Va., to Walter L. and Catherine (Niper) Hess. On May 30, 1945, in War, W.Va., he married Pansy E. Hicks, who preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1986.

He was a retired coal miner who had moved to Corunna from West Virginia more than 30 years ago. Also, he had previously worked in lumber yards.

He was a member of the House of Prayer on Ind. 327 south of Corunna.

Surviving are a companion, Mary Searl of Corunna; three daughters, Peggy Puckett of Butler, Polly Tackett of Kendallville and Molly Hess of Butler; one son, Walter Hess of Butler; three sisters, Gladys Beavers and Betty Hess, both of West Virginia, and Mary Hale of Virginia; 20 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Bonnie Hess, two sons, Clint Hess and David Hess, and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the House of Prayer, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is until 11 a.m. Saturday in the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Mattie E. Yoder**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Daniel Yoder residence, 5255S — 900W, Topeka, with calling there after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Daniel Yoder residence.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alberta C. Jackson**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. today.

ROME CITY — **Millie Fuller**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Richard Wenger**, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis, with calling there from 5 to 9 p.m. today.

TOPEKA — **Mattie E. Yoder**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Daniel Yoder residence, 5255S — 900W, Topeka, with calling there after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Daniel Yoder residence.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alberta C. Jackson**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. today.

ROME CITY — **Millie Fuller**, 81, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there from 4 to 8 p.m. today.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Richard Wenger**, 75, died Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Beltz

LAOTTO — Margaret "Peggy" Beltz, 82, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at 6:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Beltz was a lifetime resident of LaOtto before entering Provena Sacred Heart Home in July 1999.

She was a supervisor at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 32 years, and a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 4, 1917, in Uniontown, Pa., to Joseph and Mary Dunay.

On Dec. 24, 1937, in Fairmount, W.Va., she married William H. Beltz. He died in 1988.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, and two sisters, Mary Brown and Helen Blackstone.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dody and Larry Hershberger of LaOtto; a granddaughter and her husband, Kim and Tim Diehm of Avilla; a grandson and his wife, Troy and Lisa Hershberger of Warsaw; five great-grandchildren, Brittney and Brandon Diehm of Avilla, and Chelsea, Cameron and Conner "Cocoa" Hershberger, all of Warsaw; two brothers, Paul Dunay of Georgia and Joe Dunay of Fairmount, W.Va.; and two sisters, Betty Richmond of Covington, Ga., and Elizabeth Whele of Fairmount, W.Va.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Forrest Van-Gundy officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Fire Department, Emmanuel Lutheran Church or multiple sclerosis.

Robert Cartwright

LAOTTO — Robert Douglas "Doug" Cartwright, 78, a prominent LaOtto resident and a former Noble County Commissioner, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at 12:23 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been in declining health for the past two months and had entered the hospital Thursday evening.

Mr. Cartwright was born in DeKalb County on May 22, 1921, to Lester Vern and Hazel Pepple Cartwright, and moved to Fort Wayne as a youth. The family later

returned to Noble County, and he graduated from Avilla High School in 1939.

On April 20, 1943, he married Donna M. Buchanan in Fort Wayne. The couple lived all of their married life in LaOtto. She survives.

Mr. Cartwright was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring as a general foreman there on June 1, 1974. He was a partner with his son, Terry Cartwright, in Cartwright Service in LaOtto for 27 years.

In addition to his employment, his life was marked by years of political activity in Noble County. He was a former member of the Noble County Plan Commission, and served from 1979-82 as a Noble County Commissioner. He formerly served on the Noble County Sheriff's Merit Board, and was currently a Swan Township Republican precinct committeeman.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Jacque and Jesse Hand of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry A. and Marsha Cartwright of LaOtto, and Richard L. and Barbara Cartwright of Albion; two half-sisters and their husbands, LaVon and Bob Householder, and Beverly and James Lutter, all of LaOtto; a stepbrother and his wife, Everett O. and Deloris Rhodes of Pleasant Lake; a stepsister and her husband, Betty and Donald LaRue of Brownsville, Texas; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lois Watkins of LaOtto Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, north of LaOtto.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ebba Lewellen

KENDALLVILLE — Ebba E. Lewellen, 91, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. at ExtendaCare in Kendallville after an extended illness.

She practiced as a chiropractor in her home on South Main Street from 1948-94.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

D. DuWayne Haynes

AUBURN — D. DuWayne Haynes, 78, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, at 3 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Haynes was an inspector for Dana Corp. for 44 years, retiring in 1985, and was a farmer. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 17, 1921, in DeKalb County to Delmer Ray and Hazel (Crabill) Haynes.

He married Betty Grogg on Nov. 16, 1946, in Auburn. She died Sept. 16, 1999.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Haynes of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; one daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Diane and Jerry Sayles of Corunna; two sisters, Wilma Hefty and Marjorie Zeisloft, both of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Sayles, and Nicholas and Katharine Haynes.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jason Holloper officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside service by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Corunna United Brethren Church.

Alta Burrell

FREMONT — Alta Marie Burrell, 83, of Fremont, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burrell was a homemaker and a member of the Alpha & Beta Farmers Club, Steuben County. She also was a former member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau Inc. and its board of directors.

She was born Dec. 26, 1916, in Hamilton to Fred and Mae (Ressler) Fifer.

On May 12, 1934, she married Maynard R. Burrell in Steuben County. He died Nov. 18, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Mariannette Harter of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, Martell and Caroline Burrell of Alderson, W.Va., Marvin and Carol Burrell of Coldwater, Mich., and Howard and Lucinda Burrell of Fremont; and nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, c/o Darla Sattison, 5200 S. 225-W, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Gladys Michael

AUBURN — Gladys Dorothy Clark Michael, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, at 9:50 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Michael was an office worker at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1994. She formerly lived on East Ninth Street in Auburn.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and its circles, the Muncie-Auburn Club, Auburn Garden Club, and Auburn Order of Eastern Star 103, where she held all chairs and was worthy matron.

She was born Oct. 23, 1909, in Muncie to Oliver and Annie Laurie (Rich) Clark.

She married Lewis Wilbur Michael in 1929 in Muncie. He died in 1963.

Surviving her are three sons, Wayne and Alan, both of Auburn, and David of Hicksville, Ohio; one daughter, Sue Ann Sells of Fort Wayne; one sister, Nina Morgan of Muncie; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Four brother and four sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. Susan Poynter will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church or the Heimach Senior Center.

Mary Newport

SPENCERVILLE — Mary H. Newport, 84, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at 12:05 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Newport was an assembler at Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and formerly lived in Spencerville.

She was born Jan. 6, 1916, in Allen County to Henry and Irene (Girardot) Kline.

She married Robert H. Newport on Oct. 5, 1935, in Allen County, and he died June 9, 1986.

Surviving her are one son, Bill of Naples, Fla.; one daughter, Janet Kessler of New Carlisle, Ohio; six brothers, Amos, Paul and Maurice Kline, all of New Haven, Louis of Rome City, James of Indiana and Orville of Florida; four sisters, Aileen Surasan, Mildred Beckman and Elma Gevers, all of Fort Wayne, and Nona Geels of Decatur; and four grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with a rosary service tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

Garland Wheeler

BUTLER — Garland W. Wheeler, 78, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He was a tool hardener with National Heat Treat Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1989. He was born in Commerce, Ga. and lived in DeKalb County for 49 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and attended Statewood Baptist Church.

Surviving him are a daughter, Gail Stewart of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Calvin Todd of Flowery Branch, Ga.; five sisters, Golden Hile of Ashley, Jetteree Hull of Spencerville, Vera Wheeler of Commerce, Ga., Hazel Culpepper of Warrington, Va., and Gwynola "Tootsie" Smitherman of Athens, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

Three brothers, Felton, Lloyd and Clifford, preceded him in death.

Services took place Feb. 21 in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and Feb. 23 at Ivie Funeral Home, in Commerce, Ga. Burial was in Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Commerce.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Connie Greenwalt

CLOVERDALE — Connie Sue Greenwalt, 39, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, in her home in Cloverdale.

Mrs. Greenwalt was a computer programmer at Purdue University. She was a graduate of Eastbrook High School in Van Buren and attended Ivy Tech at Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Cataract Missionary Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 21, 1961, in Van Buren in Grant County to Larry and Elsie M. (Cunningham) Green. They survive in Van Buren.

Also surviving are her husband, Matt Greenwalt of Cloverdale; a daughter, Samantha Jo of Cloverdale; a son, Andrew of Gas City; three stepdaughters, Danielle of Knox, and Kari and Sarah, both of Corpus

Christi, Texas; a stepson, Ian of Corpus Christi, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mark and Sharon Green of Warren, and Ed and Patti Green of Livonia, Mich.; a maternal grandmother, Pauline Cunningham of Van Buren; a paternal grandmother, Isabelle Green of Lakeland, Fla.; and one grandchild.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Whitaker Funeral Home, Cloverdale, with the Rev. Max Hetzel and the Rev. Dan Metz officiating. Burial will be in Van Buren Masonic Cemetery at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Vista Care Hospice, 3900 S. Seventh St., Terre Haute, 47802.

Estella Roberts

FORT WAYNE — Estella M. Roberts, 73, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at home.

Mrs. Roberts was born Aug. 18, 1926, in Danville, Ill., to David Asa and Margaret E. (Collings) Ramsey. On June 20, 1944, in Orange, Texas, she married Hiram Roberts, who preceded her in death in 1972.

She retired in 1986 after five years as a clerk at Keltsch Pharmacies and also worked at the Belmont Dime Store.

Surviving are two sons, Tobin Roberts of Fort Wayne and Randall L. Roberts of Greenwood; a daughter, Sandra S. Wood of Garrett; five sisters, Barbara Miller, Beverly Diver and Margaret Juanita Leitch, all of Fort Wayne, Isabelle Cady of Auburn and Ruth Uhrick of Wolf Lake; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A son, David R. Roberts, died in 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials to Northside Neighborhood Association.

M. Virginia Smith

FORT WAYNE — M. Virginia Smith, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She owned and operated the Baker Boy Bake Shop with her husband for 40 years, retiring in 1974. She was a lifetime Fort Wayne resident and was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 3, 1915, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Patricia and Doug Alspaugh, and Carole Beiswanger, all of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald J. of Fort Wayne and Timothy C. of Garrett; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1974; two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, with a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. in the McComb & Sons Lake Avenue Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home, with a vigil service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Most Precious Blood Catholic Church School Fund.

LaVaughn Davidson

KENDALLVILLE — LaVaughn Davidson, 64, died at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Davidson was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Hindman, Ky., to Elliot and Dora (Fugate) Davidson.

He was a longtime Kendallville resident and retired from Kendallville Foundry after 28 years of service.

Surviving are one daughter, Darlene Reed of Garrett; three sons, Wayne Davidson of Wolcottville, Michael Davidson of Hicksville, Ohio, and Johnny Davidson of Carrie, Ky.; one stepdaughter, Tammy Ard of Wawaka; one stepson, Burnis Skaggs of Brimfield; three sisters, Iola Smith of Lisbon, Lottie Inzer of Kendallville and Doris Hudson of Dunn, N.C.; one brother, Blanton Davidson of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Services are pending at Hindman Funeral Home in Hindman. Burial will be in Davidson Cemetery, Hindman. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Suzanne Klebe

LAGRANGE — Suzanne C. Klebe, 61, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Klebe, a homemaker, was a member of the Women of the Moose, Angola; a past member of the Angola Garden Club; and a past member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born May 23, 1938, in Chicago to Ralph H. and Catherine (Carpenter) Caris.

On Jan. 7, 1961, she married Richard A. Klebe, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Mike Klebe of Fremont and Jeff Klebe of Angola; a brother, John Caris of San Francisco; and four grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edith Mahaffey-Whitacre

FORT WAYNE — Edith M. Mahaffey-Whitacre, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, in Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Mahaffey-Whitacre had been the snack bar manager at Key Lanes bowling alley in Fort Wayne. She was a member of American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 5, 1915, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Allan Whitacre of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Nora Lee Kunce of Fremont and Jacqueline Kurman of Redondo Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Robert Lichtsinn of Spencerville, and William Lichtsinn and Larry Lichtsinn, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW Ninth Ave., Miami, Fla., 33136-9990.

Deaths/Funerals

Franklin Trick

ANGOLA — Franklin Arthur Trick, 90, of Angola, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, in Angola.

Mr. Trick had lived in the Clear Lake area for 40 years, and lived in Fort Wayne for 50 years before moving to Steuben County. A farmer and businessman, he was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, and the Clear Lake Lions Club.

He was born Jan. 29, 1910, in Fort Wayne to Franklin S. and Mary (Marrow) Trick.

On Nov. 26, 1936, he married Madeleine (Roth) Trick. She preceded him in death on Aug. 29, 1994.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Trick of Angola, Stephen and Charlene Trick of Fremont, and James and Carole Trick of Angola; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Conrad Schweibold officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with a 6 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Irma Bavin

HAMILTON — Irma Bavin, 77, of Hamilton, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at 4:15 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Bavin was a homemaker. She was born Oct. 27, 1922, in Avella, Pa., to James and Elizabeth (Forhencz) Fuleki.

On Dec. 6, 1941 in Edon, Ohio, she married Charles L. Bavin. He died in April 1967.

Surviving are a son, James, of Butler; two daughters, Nancy Staley of Hamilton and Delores Babcock of Knoxville, Tenn.; two brothers, Joseph Fuleki of Auburn and Emery Fuleki of Lakewood, Ohio; and two sisters, Irene Frank of Hicksville, Ohio, and Mary Onody of Oregon, Ohio.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Helen Nye

ROME CITY — Helen Frances Nye, 87, died at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville following a brief illness.

Mrs. Nye was born July 2, 1912, in Gas City, to Harry and Sarah (Dunn) Freeman. On Aug. 27, 1932, in Dayton, Ohio, she married Jesse James Nye, who preceded her in death in November 1992.

She was superintendent of an apartment building in Dayton for 12 years. Also, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are one brother, Paul Freeman of Dayton, Ohio; and a nephew and niece, William E. and Pauline Arnold of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Merri-man.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Florence Wible

SOUTH MILFORD — Florence E. Wible, 102, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in failing health for approximately one year.

Mrs. Wible was born July 19, 1897, in South Milford, to John B. and Carrie (Wert) Holly. On Nov. 25, 1919, in Stroh, she married Arthur D. Wible, who preceded her in death Jan. 5, 1978.

She taught school for one year at Stroh and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and played piano for the church for many years.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Gene Wible of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Miles Shookman of Indianapolis and Kathleen and Richard DeCamp of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Janet Simmermon of Indianapolis, Thomas DeCamp of Auburn, Joseph DeCamp of Fort Wayne and Holly Maranto of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Margaret Cookerly of Huntington Beach, Calif.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Wible in 1944; a brother, Leo Holly; and a grandson, Kent Shookman.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the South Milford Church of Christ with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is at the church one hour prior to services Friday and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Fay I. Weber**, 89, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

ALBION — **Ronald A. Williamson**, 51, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yorktown Nazarene Church, with calling there an hour prior to services Thursday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Meeks Mortuary, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie.

KENDALLVILLE — **Dorothy M. Nahrwold**, 72, died Monday. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 E., New Haven, with calling there from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Stanley Kauffman

FREMONT — Stanley B. Kauffman, 93, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kauffman was a lifelong farmer.

He was born March 14, 1906, in Steuben County to John and Polly (Ryan) Kauffman.

On March 15, 1928, he married Bernice M. (Mingus) Kauffman, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two nieces, Virginia Dellinger of Angola and Betty Rollins of Fort Wayne; and one nephew, Donald Kauffman.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister and a niece.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mary Gravit

GARRETT — Mary E. Gravit, 75, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, at 10:37 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She worked as a machine operator at Hamilton Standard in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1985. She lived in Garrett for 75 years.

She was born May 12, 1924, in Corunna to Walter W. and Inez L. (Haynes) Kearn.

Surviving her are two daughters, Maxine Brechbill and Carol Gravit, both of Garrett; a foster daughter, Margaret Heyman of Garrett; two sisters, Catherine Cleland of Garrett and Sue Ann Kerns of Garrett; and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Bechtol of Alexandria, Va., and Sarah Brechbill of Garrett.

A sister, Ruth Pepple, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett. The Rev. Richard A. Pickard will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mary K. Sabrosky Echols

KENDALLVILLE — Mary K. Sabrosky Echols, 78, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000, at Home Sweet Home in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Echols was born April 9, 1921, in Wolcottville to Cleetus J. and Jessie M. (Little) Strecker. On Aug. 17, 1941, she married Howard Sabrosky and he preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1987. She then married Smiley Echols on April 2, 1989, and survives in Mesa.

She was a housewife and had lived in Kendallville until moving to Mesa approximately 10 years ago.

She was a graduate of Wolcottville High School and was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She was a Past Matron of Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star, and was a past representative, past district deputy and past grand electra.

Surviving also are four sons, C.J. Sabrosky of Laguna Hills, Calif., Dana Sabrosky of Garrett, Kevin Sabrosky of Kendallville and Kirk Sabrosky of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Donna Edgell of Mesa; one stepson, Jim Echols of Scotland; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is at the funeral home an hour before services Saturday and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to CompreCare Hospice Inc. or to Faith United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Frances L. Springer**, 78, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

ALBION — **Lewis W. Farber**, 72, died Monday. Services at 3 p.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City. No calling.

ROME CITY — **Caitlyn Marie Young** was stillborn Sunday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

BLUFFTON — **Cyril Joseph Doyle**, 81, brother of a Kimmell resident, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Randle-Dable Funeral Home in Waukesha, Wis. Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, and from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Randle-Dable Funeral Home in Waukesha, Wis.

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for **Dr. Alden Blake Thompson**, 81, of Naples and Kendallville, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Calling is at the church one hour before services on Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Weihmiller

KENDALLVILLE — Mary D. Weihmiller, 84, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weihmiller was born Feb. 24, 1916, in Kendallville to Murton and Bessie (Hovarter) Swogger. On March 10, 1936, she married Ned E. Weihmiller, who preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1998.

She taught the YMCA preschool in the early 1970s and was an Avon representative. She was a lifetime member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church, served in many offices in the United Methodist church, and was a delegate to the Northern Indiana Conference of Methodist Churches. Also, she was a member of the Charm and Chatter Home Demonstration Club and a member of the Noble County Chain Links.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Bill Evans of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sara Weihmiller of Garrett; a brother, Galen Swogger of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Jill Evans of Milwaukee, Wis., Jennifer Speciale of Lansing, Mich., and Gail Scheurich of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Andrew Weihmiller of Indianapolis and Daniel Weihmiller of Hoboken, N.J.; and one great-grandson, Jared Scheurich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gale Dean Weihmiller; two brothers, Clair Swogger and Leon Swogger; and a sister, Joyce Weber.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

James Grate

WYOMING, Mich. — James "Big Jim" Grate, 62, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, at Metropolitan Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was born March 13, 1937, in Garrett to Paul and Elizabeth (Bush) Grate.

He was manager at Hudson and United Oil and was a member of the Forrester's Club. Also, he was a member of the Merchant Marine Great Lakes base for two years.

Surviving are two daughters, Rhonda Williams and Angela Planck, both of Wyoming, Mich.; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Rodney Grate of Wyoming, Mich., Kevin and Lorri Grate of Kentwood, Mich., and Gregory Grate of Wyoming, Mich.; three sisters, Sharlene Murphy and Nancy Tepin of Fort Wayne and Ann Askren of Albion; one brother, Stan Lawson of Avilla; a stepmother, Lana Myers of Ligonier; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Paula Clatterbaugh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Alexander Iwankowitsch Sr., 89, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Roy Dwight Wood, 95, died Tuesday. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Area Deaths

WOODBURN — Karen L. Pflueger, 36, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Edgerton Wesleyan Church, 26026 Dawkins Road, Woodburn. Calling is an hour before services Saturday at the church and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 E., New Haven.

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna M. Bontrager, 97, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the LaVern Miller residence. Calling is after 2:30 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the Lewis Hochstetler residence.

Jean Faulkner

CORUNNA — Jean E. Faulkner, 71, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at 2:25 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital at Kendallville.

Mrs. Faulkner had been employed at the former Kroger Store in Auburn. She lived in Corunna and was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

She was born July 12, 1928, in Avilla to Jay and Violet (Wheeler) Hollinger. Her mother survives in Waterloo and her father preceded her in death.

She married Jack Faulkner on Aug. 28, 1948. He died Oct. 15, 1974.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Deb Faulkner of Corunna; one daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Jerry Pyck of Auburn; one sister, Carol Lung of Butler; seven grandchildren, Lisa, Ryan and Tyler Pyck, and Jacklyn, Brandi, Charity, and Amanda Faulkner; and two great-grandchildren, McKayla Faulkner and Jackson Hontz.

One son, Kevin, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Corunna Community Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Doris Millhouse

WOLCOTTVILLE — Doris V. Millhouse, 79, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and moved from Fort Wayne to Wolcottville in December 1968.

She was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church and its ladies aid, Dirty Dozen Ladies Club, and Neighborhood Ladies Club.

Mrs. Millhouse was born July 24, 1920, in Fort Wayne to George A. and Viola (Cummings) March. They preceded her in death.

She married Nelson D. Millhouse Jr. on Aug. 15, 1941, in Waynedale, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Larry McNall of Wolcottville, and Candace and Daniel Blakeley of Pleasant Lake; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Laura York

FORT WAYNE — Laura M. York, 55, of Fort Wayne and an Auburn native, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at home.

Mrs. York worked at Georgetown Place Retirement Apartments as a receptionist for eight years, and was a member of First Christian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas G. York; two sons, Garold York of Piedmont, Calif. and Anthony York of Henderson, Nevada; one sister, Sharon Pauley of Arlington, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the church or to Make-A-Wish of Indiana Inc.

Joy Smith

FORT WAYNE — Joy Evans Smith, 60, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a homemaker and a member of Waynedale Church of Christ.

She was born Aug. 4, 1939, in Tullahoma, Tenn., to Norman and Francis Hunnicutt. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are three sons, Jeff of Tulsa, Okla., Tom of Quincy, Ill.; and Trent of Austin, Texas; one daughter, Jina Graham of Waterloo; two sisters, Leenell Hunnicutt and Pat Brock, both of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon.

Memorials are to the Waynedale Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Lawrence D. Marks**, 69, died Friday, March 3, 2000. Graveside services with military honors will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Greenwood Cemetery of LaGrange. Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange.

TOPEKA — **Jacob Petersheim**, 84, died Friday, March 3, 2000. Services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 3860 S — 700 W, Topeka. Calling is Saturday after 4 p.m. and all day Sunday at the family residence.

LAGRANGE — **Ruth O. Griffin**, 63, died Thursday, March 2, 2000. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange. Calling is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Hursey

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Helen Hursey, 89, died Saturday, March 4, 2000, at 11:40 p.m. in Fountain Manor Health Care Center of Hicksville, where she was a resident for the past three years.

She retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler in 1974, and also had worked at the Hickory Hill Golf Club in Hicksville. She formerly lived on North Main Street in Hicksville.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Mrs. Hursey was born May 28, 1910, in Baltimore, Md., to Stanley and Helen Rogozoa.

She married Paul L. Jones in 1927 and he died in 1931. She married Harold Bricker in 1934 and he died in 1951. She then married Oras Hursey in 1953 and he died in July 1971.

Surviving her are two sons, James Jones of Hicksville and William Bricker, D.D.S., of Antwerp, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Martha Ellen Walpole of Columbia City; two sisters, Ann Poper of Hicksville and Genevieve Stalter of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Jones; one daughter, Suzanne Cottrel; one brother, Stanley Rogers; one stepdaughter, Mary Elizabeth Glassley; and one grandson, Michael Gephardt.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. The Rev. Thomas E. Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A rosary service will be tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville.

Eugene Cope

FREMONT — Eugene L. Cope, 73, died Friday, March 3, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cope worked at Simpson Industries in Fremont, retiring 12 years ago, and farmed for many years. He graduated from Scott Center High School in 1944 and attended Jamestown Church.

He was born March 11, 1926, in Vicksburg, Mich., to Andrew and Lela (Engler) Cope.

He married Betty Lytle on Sept. 22, 1947, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Pam Cope of Fremont, David and Renee Cope of Angola, and Benjamin and Donna Cope of Hamilton; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Max Ringler of Fremont; one brother, Delbert Cope of Angola; two sisters, June Zimmerman and Emily Parrish, both of Angola; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services were today at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale E. Gerig officiating. Burial was in the Jamestown Cemetery.

Bridget Atkinson

AVILLA — Bridget E. Atkinson, 38, of Avilla, died Friday, March 3, 2000, in ExtendaCare in Kendallville where she had been a patient several days.

A Fort Wayne native, she was a lifetime area resident and was a nurses' aide at several nursing homes. She and her husband had also been foster parents to several children.

Surviving are her husband, Brian A. Atkinson; her parents, Roland and Priscilla Van Allen of Columbia City; three sisters, Lisa M. Van Allen and Rebecca Van Allen, both of Columbia City, and Lila Park of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Carl Van Allen of Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial was held today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola. Burial was in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

Memorials are Masses to the church or to the American Diabetes Association.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Ella Crothers

FORT WAYNE — Ella A. Crothers, 99, died Sunday morning, March 5, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crothers was a homemaker and member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ and the American Bible Society.

She was born Feb. 25, 1901, in Garrett to Frederick and Lena (Koepke) Shultz.

She married John W.P. Crothers on July 27, 1921, in Auburn, and he died Jan. 26, 1985. He was a rural mail carrier for St. Joe for 35 years.

Surviving her are one son, James Crothers of New Haven; two daughters, Rosemarie Bragg of Burlington, Iowa, and Shirley Wolfcale of Pensacola, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Crothers, on March 5, 1989; one brother, Henry Shultz; and three sisters, Molly Garman, Minnie Myers and Anna Carnahan.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the church, 6813 County Road 64, St. Joe IN 46785.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Paul W. "Dutch" Heign, 89, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services.

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Helene Wade, 86, died Saturday. Services at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Jeffrey Bellinger

KENDALLVILLE — Jeffrey D. Bellinger, 31, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, at 2:30 a.m. in an automobile accident in Noble County.

He was employed by the Budd Co. in Kendallville.

He was born June 23, 1969, in Angola to James

Bellinger Sr. and Judith (Jean) (Richie) Bellinger. They preceded him in death.



Bellinger

Surviving him are a daughter, Destynie

Jean Bellinger of Kendallville;

two brothers, Joe of Waterloo and

James of Avilla; and his ex-wife, Dawn Kammerer.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett, with the Rev. Susan Poynter officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Destynie Jean Bellinger Scholarship Fund.

Inez Saucedo

AUBURN — Inez T. Saucedo, 66, died Monday, March 6, 2000, at 1:20 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Saucedo was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born April 21, 1933, in Taylor, Texas, to Isidro and Paula (Rodrigues) Trevino.

She married Marcos G. Saucedo Jr. on Dec. 15, 1949, in San Antonio, Texas. He died March 8, 1996.

Surviving her are one son, Roy Saucedo of Auburn; two foster daughters, Helen Days of Corunna and Nell Kniebel of Auburn; two sisters, Catarine Cruz of San Antonio and Paula Floriez of Taylor; eight grandchildren, Brandy Saucedo-Leon, Shasta Saucedo, Nathaniel "Scooter" Saucedo, Dee Schiffli and Jennifer Hantz, all of Auburn, Chad Saucedo and Holli Days, both of Fort Wayne, and Anson Days of Corunna; and four great-grandchildren, Mason and Makayla Saucedo, both of Fort Wayne, and Hayden Putman and Marcos Leon, both of Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be held Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Calvin Burris

ANGOLA — Calvin D. Burris, 72, of Angola, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burris had lived in Angola for 42 years after moving from Payne, Ohio. He was a member and a past governor of the Angola Moose Lodge. He retired as a produce manager at the A&P grocery store in Angola and worked at the Angola News Stand.

He was born Jan. 6, 1928, in Payne to George and Nora (Little) Burris.

On July 2, 1950, he married Shirley A. (Haneline) Burris. She preceded him in death on Dec. 31, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Burris of Harvey, La., and Kenneth Burris of Angola; a daughter, Paula Turlich of Clanton, Ala.; a brother, Ray Burris; five sisters, Gladys Clark of Mosinee, Wis., Esther Caryer of Wren, Ohio, Alice Fleck of Angola, Jeannette Mandley of Ohio, and Marge Powliss of Florida; and five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

A Moose memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Angola Moose Lodge officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials may be made to Mooseheart.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Martha (Williams) Nyboer**, 88, of Rome City, died Sunday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, 2900 W. 53rd St., Anderson, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **William Eugene "Bill" Hough Sr.**, 60, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Warsaw. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw.

TOPEKA — **Brian W. Ham-brock**, 28, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with calling there from 3-9 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Agnes M. Dahms**, 77, died Monday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruby Rose Ellen Trout**, 77, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Timothy Marten

ANGOLA — Timothy L. Marten, 25, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Marten worked at G & G Ramco as a metal spinning operator. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

He was born April 27, 1974, in Fremont to Doyle R. and Sherry L. (McCartney) Marten, who survive in Fremont.

On June 20, 1997, he married Bobbie J. (Wilcox) Marten, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hanna M., and a son, Jacob A., both at home; his paternal grandmother, Ina Blanchard, of Angola; his maternal grandfather, Lewis McCartney, of Garrett; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Tammy and Duane Snyder, and Sherry and Mark Fraley, all of Angola; and seven brothers, Richard of Fremont, Doyle R. Jr. of Coldwater, Mich., David of Angola, Danny of Fremont, Cecil of Coldwater, Rick of Fremont, and Curt of Brooksville, Fla.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Tracy Hammond officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hanna and Jacob Marten fund.

Oral Congleton

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Oral L. Congleton, 71, died Monday morning, March 6, 2000, at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. He apparently suffered a heart attack earlier in the day at his Fountain Street home.

Mr. Congleton retired from General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, in 1982 after 20 years of service. He was a member of the UAW and the Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 1, 1928, in Hicksville to Claude and Hazel (Everett) Congleton.

He married Lois Puckett in 1949 in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Roxanne Sweeney of Hicksville; two sons, LeRoy Congleton of Hamilton and Tim Congleton of Hicksville; three sisters, Ruth Stuart of Hicksville, Helen Rudisill of Sydney, Ohio, and Mildred Eagleson of Van Wert, Ohio; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Todd, and four brothers, Harry, Albert, Ted and Bill.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles will conduct a service Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lauretta Gfeller

WATERLOO — Memorial services for Lauretta Gfeller, 99, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, in rural Waterloo.

Miss Gfeller died Feb. 18, 2000, in her home on County Road 39, Waterloo. She was a school teacher.

She was born Jan. 16, 1901, in DeKalb County to Frank W. and Anna M. (Schiffli) Gfeller.

Surviving her is a brother, Raymond Gfeller of Waterloo.

There will be no calling. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials are to masses or the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Nye

ROME CITY — Helen Frances Nye, 87, of Rome City, died at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, following a brief illness.

She was born July 2, 1912, in Dayton, Ohio, to Harry and Sarah (Dunn) Freeman. On Aug. 27, 1932, in Dayton, Ohio, she married Jesse James Nye. He preceded her in death in November 1992.

Mrs. Nye moved to this area in 1970 from Dayton, Ohio. She was superintendent of an apartment building in Dayton for 12 years and was a homemaker.

Surviving are a brother, Paul Freeman of Dayton, Ohio; and a nephew and niece, William E. and Pauline Arnold of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Merriman and Margaret Arnold.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, in the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.



Deaths/Funerals

Ollus Moughler

BUTLER — Ollus L. Moughler, 95, died today, March 9, 2000, in his Butler home.

Mr. Moughler was a lifetime farmer and member of Big Run Church, Butler.

He was born Oct. 21, 1904, in Butler to Burl and Dela (Riser) Moughler.

He married Golda M. David on Dec. 18, 1929, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Clark of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters, Martha Baird of Auburn, Mary Jane Stackhouse of Waterloo, and Sandra J. Holmes of Butler; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Roy and Ora Moughler, preceded him in death.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jeremy Perrey

ASHLEY — Jeremy Edward Perrey, 13, died Wednesday in Steuben County.

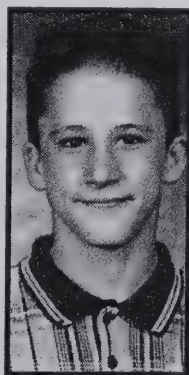
Born in Fort Wayne on June 3, 1986, he had lived in Ashley for five months and attended seventh grade at Angola Middle School. His interests were football, designing his own football plays, and NASCAR. He played seventh-grade football for Angola Middle School, was on the honor roll, and received academic awards.

Surviving him are his mother and stepfather, Giovanna (Masterson) and John Lanning of Ashley; his father, Edward Perrey of Angola; his brother, Daniel Perrey of Ashley; a stepsister, Shannon Lanning of Ashley; and his grandmothers, Theresa M. Masterson of Leo-Cedarville and Betty Perrey of Angola.

Services will be held Monday at noon in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 11 a.m. Per Guldbeck will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Northeast Youth Group.



Perrey

Delmar Stairhime

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Delmar E. Stairhime, 83, of Spencerville Road, died at 11:36 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, in the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient for a week.

A 1934 graduate of Monroeville High School, he was a lifelong construction worker and a World War II veteran. He was a member of the Hicksville Masonic Lodge, Northwest Shrine, the American Legion and the Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 1, 1916, in Monroeville to Jacob and Ada (Emenhiser) Stairhime.

In 1938 he married Letha Ruckman, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenton D., Norval and Lonnie, all of Hicksville; two daughters, Karen Kokovay of Fort Wayne and Sue Taylor of Hicksville; a brother, Richard of Mobile, Ala.; 21 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Rodney L.; three grandsons, Londell, Joshua and Brian Stairhime; and two brothers, Walter and Keith.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with minister Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind., with graveside services by the Hicksville posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is at the funeral home Sunday after 2 p.m. and Monday after 9 a.m. Masonic Services will be conducted in the funeral home Sunday at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Defiance County Hospice Program or the Hicksville Unit for Crippled Children or Adults.

Ollus Moughler

BUTLER — Ollus Moughler, 95, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, in his Butler home.

He was a lifetime farmer and a member of Big Run Church, Butler.

He was born in Butler on Oct. 21, 1904, to Burl and Dela (Riser) Moughler.

On Dec. 28, 1929, he married Golda M. David, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Martha Baird of Auburn, Mary Jane Stackhouse of Waterloo and Sandra J. Holmes of Butler; a son, Clark Moughler of Montpelier, Ohio; a sister, Helen Wagner of Clyde, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Roy and Ora Moughler.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Big Run Church. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ralph B. Foster**, 78, died Monday in Florida. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-9 p.m. Saturday.

SYRACUSE — **Dr. John S. Szynal**, 84, died Thursday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Syracuse.

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Foster

SOUTH MILFORD — Ralph B. Foster, 78, of South Milford, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, in Mariana, Fla.

He was born in Steuben County on July 15, 1921, to George W. and Wilma B. (Butler) Foster. On Jan. 1, 1945, in Salem Center, he married Esther Ida Freytag. She preceded him in death May 16, 1998.

Mr. Foster, a 1939 Cromwell High School graduate, was a Coast Guard veteran and served in World War II. He retired in 1984 after 21 years as postmaster at the Kimmell Post Office. He was a member of

the Stroh Church of Christ and American Legion Post 86, Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Tom Oliver of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Suzie (Oliver) and Ken Sheets and Mike Oliver, all of Wolcottville, and Amber (Oliver) and Mike Newell, of Hudson; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Jessica Newell and Jonathan Newell.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Walburn; and a sister, Helen Smith.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Mike Hamm officiat-

ing. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ building fund.

THE EVENING STAR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2000

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Cora Myers

FORT WAYNE — Cora Myers, 98, died at 12 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was born Jan. 12, 1902, in Putnam County, Ohio, to James M. and Elizabeth (Barkmire) Troyer. On Nov. 23, 1921, in DeKalb County, she married Russel Myers, who died in May, 1951.

She was a homemaker and formerly worked at Wolf & Dessauer and L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are one son, James Alan Myers of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Russel Myers, Terry Myers and Julie Minard; two great-grandchildren, Meagan Minard and Dylan Minard; two brothers, Cloyd Troyer and Gilcie Troyer; and four sisters, Emma Yarnell, Joicie Kirkendall, Gailie Shaffner and Olive Corkwell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with calling there one hour before services Tuesday.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the American heart Association.

Roscoe Blowers

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roscoe F. Blowers, 71, of Wolcottville, died Friday, March 10, 2000, at 7:40 p.m. in VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne Division following an extended illness.

He was born in Stroh on May 15, 1928, to Ernest and Stella (Coker) Blowers. On Jan. 27, 1951, he married Becky Begley in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Blowers retired in 1979 from IEC Corp., Goshen. He lived most of his life in Kendallville. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Kendallville VFW.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary Dobson of Millersburg, Paula Blowers of Wolcottville, and Ann Anderson of LaGrange; two sisters, Lucille Begley of Stroh, and Waveland Gose of Kendallville; one brother, Oscar Blowers of LaGrange; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Bette Vauris

TROY, Ohio — Bette L. Vauris, 54, of Troy, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000, at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1945 in Garrett, Ind., the daughter of Darrell and Gladys (Furnish) Thompson.

On Sept. 26, 1964, she married Richard B. Vauris. He survives.

She was a 1964 graduate of Garrett High School.

Also surviving are two daughters, Elizabeth M. Vauris of Troy, Ohio, and Anne M. Vauris of Centerville, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Phyllis Thompson of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Norma and Larry Smolek of Greencastle, Ind., and Joan and Mike Sattison of Garrett.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Calling is at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Miami County, P.O. Box 502, Troy, Ohio.



Ethel Funk

GARRETT — Ethel Mae Funk, 92, died at 3:05 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2000, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Funk was born in Altona on April 19, 1907, to Henry A. and Orpha E. (Penn) Murray. On Dec. 30, 1934, in Garrett, she married Norman T. Funk and he died in 1960.

She was a lifetime resident of Garrett.

She had worked for the U.S. Forestry Department in Washington, D.C. and then was a legal secretary for Howard Mountz in Garrett. After her husband's death, she was the secretary at the Garrett United Methodist Church for many years.

She was a member of the Fort Wayne Womens Club, Cedar Creek Womens Club, state president of the Indiana Federated Womens Club, a charter member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Garrett, and was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, where she also taught Sunday School.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Arvin of Chicago, Ill.; a son, Norman T. "Tom" Funk Jr. of Carmel; a grandson, Adam Funk of Carmel; two granddaughters, Erin Funk and Ellen Funk of Carmel; and a brother, Keith Murray of Waxahachie, Texas.

Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Murray, and a sister, Julia Casebeer.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Calling is at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Cremation will occur and burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Randy Beeks

COLUMBIA CITY — Randy L. Beeks, 45, of rural Columbia City, died at 3:10 a.m. Saturday at the family residence in Smith Township. He had been in declining health for the past 11 months.

He was born in Huntington on Aug. 1, 1954, a son of Norman and Loretta (Scott) Beeks. On March 8, 1975, he married Renee L. Shanabarger. She survives.

Mr. Beeks lived in Muncie as a child and later moved with his father to Fort Wayne, coming to Churubusco as a youth. He attended Churubusco High School and later served in the U.S. Army. He earned an associates degree in accounting from Indiana University. He was a professional accountant and was formerly employed at Acme Waste in Ossian and had worked for Challenger Transportation. He was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, the National Rifle Association, and had earned a red belt in Tae Kwan Do. He attended Eagle Quest Church, north of Columbia City.

Also surviving are a daughter, Alisha Beeks, at home; a son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Christine Beeks, Fort Wayne; his mother, Loretta Rench, Muncie; his father and wife, Norman and Brenda Beeks, Jasonville; six sisters, Mrs. Tom (Pam) Maples, Greenbush, Mich., Mrs. Eugene (Cindy) McNeal and Dawn Beeks, both of Jasonville, Mrs. Jay (Patricia) Auxier and Kimberly Rench, both of Muncie, and Trudie West of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Alan (Susan) Beeks, Powder Springs, Ga., Frank Rench, Muncie, and Doug Rench, Fort Wayne; a step-sister, Laura Knox, Indianapolis; a step-brother, Tommy Beeks, Jasonville; and one granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Russell Wagner, pastor of Eagle Quest Church, officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., Monday.

Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Eagle Quest Church or to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Inc., Fort Wayne.

Bernice Buchtman

CHURUBUSCO — Bernice Frances Buchtman, 75, of rural Churubusco, died at 6:25 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2000, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had submitted to surgery in late February and had been a patient at the hospital for four days.

She was born on August 29, 1924 in Noble County near Ege to Stanley and Helen (Konger) Karasiewicz. She married Joseph F.J. Buchtman in Ege on Aug. 13, 1949. He survives.

Her formative years were spent in Eel River Township in Allen County, and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1942. After marrying, she and her husband lived in New Haven, then moved in 1974 to the farm east of Churubusco where she was raised. She was a member of the St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, its Rosary Society, and the former Boots and Bonnets Square Dance Club.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Helen and Jeffrey Bracht, Lexington Park, Md., Gretchen and Philip Brunett, Roanoke, Lois and Randy Kohlhepp, New Haven, and Josephine and Timothy Steele, Goshen; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Pauline Buchtman, Bloomington, Vincent and Karen Buchtman, Lima, Ohio, and Roger and Connie Buchtman, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Rose Angela Karasiewicz, Frankfort, Ill., and Bertha Teders, Avilla; one brother and sister-in-law, Leonard and Bea Karr, LaOtto; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Karr.

A burial service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the church or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Robert Topham

LIGONIER — Robert William Topham, 78, of South Main Street, Ligonier, died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2000, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He had been in declining health since late December 1999.

On Aug. 19, 1921, in Somerville, Mass., he was born to Charles Edward and Isabela (Dolan) Topham. He married Barbara Francis Whalen on Aug. 19, 1946, in West Newton, Mass. She survives.

Mr. Topham had been a Ligonier resident since 1957, and was an accountant for Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier since his retirement.

He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed in England with the 8th Air Force during World War II, and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Organizations he belonged to included: past president of the Ligonier Rotary Club; past Post Commander, Post Adjutant and bar manager for 30 years of the West Noble American Legion Post; past president of the West Noble Band Parents Organization; past director of the Noble County United Way Board; a charter organizer of Junior Achievement in Hartford, Conn.; a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church men's group; financial officer of the church; and 1st grade Sunday School teacher.

Mr. Topham was also an avid reader.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: three sons and three daughters-in-law, William Charles and Nancy Topham of Midland, Mich., Robert Francis and Beverly Topham of Huntington Beach, Calif., and John Edward and Theresa Topham of Indianapolis, Ind.; a

daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Stan Strater of Albion; 10 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

A brother, Charles Dolan Topham, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier, with Fr. Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services.

A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Virgil Sayles

VICKSBURG, Mich. — Virgil Otho Sayles, 81, of Vicksburg, Mich., and Lake Wales, Fla., died Thursday, March 9, 2000, at Lake Wales Medical Center in Lake Wales.

Mr. Sayles was born March 22, 1918, in LaGrange County, Ind., to James O. and Mae I. (Stroup) Sayles. He married Jeannette Yoder in 1939 in Indianapolis. She died July 15, 1951. On June 14, 1952, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Elsie E. Mann, who survives.

He had been a Florida resident for more than 30 years. For the past several years, he had been spending his summers in Michigan and wintering in Florida. He had also lived in Fort Wayne, Ind., and in Sturgis.

In 1995, he retired from Gene's Big & Tall Men's Wear in Orlando, Fla., after 26 years of employment. Also, he had been employed for 10 years at Carl Rehm's Clothing Store in Sturgis and had been involved in the wholesale bakery business.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Kenneth Hall of Portage, Mich.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Max and Brenda Sayles of Avilla, Ind., and Joel Sayles of Baltimore, Md.; five grandchildren, Tim Freeland, Lisa Tabor, Tammy Harper, Robin Lawson and Michele Owens; and three great-grandchildren, Beth Carteaux, Adam Tabor and Mikayla Harper.

— A sister, Beulah M. Ehret, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. John Shoup officiating. A graveside committal will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Church of the Nazarene.

Deaths/Funerals

Billy Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Billy Junior Chapman, 80, died Friday in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of Chapman Landscaping for 33 years, retiring in 1984. He was a charter member of the New Haven Lions Club.

Surviving him are his wife, Elaine Chapman of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry Chapman of Grabill; a daughter, Judy Boudia of Angola; five grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

This obituary is being republished to correct a reporting error.

Cora Myers

FORT WAYNE — Cora Myers, 98, died at noon Friday, March 10, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was born Jan. 2, 1902, in Putnam County, Ohio, to James M. and Elizabeth (Barkmire) Troyer. On Nov. 23, 1921, in DeKalb County, she married Russel Myers, who died in May 1951.

She was a homemaker and formerly worked at Wolf & Dessauer and L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are one son, James Alan Myers of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Russel Myers, Terry Myers and Julie Minard; and two great-grandchildren, Meagan Minard and Dylan Minard.

Two brothers, Cloyd Troyer and Gilcie Troyer, and four sisters, Emma Yarnell, Joicie Kirkendall, Gailie Shaffner and Olive Corkwell, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with calling there one hour before services.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles L. Hill

WATERLOO — Charles L. Hill, 45, died Monday, March 13, 2000, at 9 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hill worked at Vulcraft in St. Joe.

He was born April 14, 1954, in Kendallville to Wayne and Naomi (Seckler) Hill. His mother survives in Waterloo and his father is deceased.

He married Nancy McKean on Feb. 15, 2000, in Auburn, and she survives.



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Also surviving are two daughters, Erin Pfefferkorn of Auburn and Elizabeth Hill of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Bradley Bainbridge of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Bainbridge of Waterloo; one brother, David Hill of Sarasota, Fla.; three sisters, Judy Hanna of Angola, and Ruth Steury and Marcia Gerig, both of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Gauge, Gavin and Shelby Pfefferkorn, and Khyla Hill.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Helen Pyle

FORT WAYNE — Helen F. Bauer Pyle, 90, died Sunday, March 12, 2000, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a homemaker and member of Forest Park United Methodist Church and Order of Eastern Star of the East Chapter 514.

Surviving her are two sons, Richard J. Bauer of Corning, N.Y., and Roger A. Bauer of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Marjorie L. Wood of Laurel, Md.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, N. George Bauer, in 1967; her second husband, J. Robert Pyle, in 1984; a brother, George W. Wyatt; and parents, Raleigh R. and Anna C. (Reinhold) Wyatt.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Lutheran Home Chapel, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., with calling after 2:30 p.m. Private family burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Home Activities Fund.

Gordon McLain

HUDSON — Gordon E. McLain, 61, of Hudson, died Sunday afternoon, March 12, 2000, at his home.

He was born in Salem Township, Steuben County on Oct. 8, 1938, to Donald and E. Josephine (Burch) McLain. They survive in Hudson. On Nov. 30, 1998, in Fremont, he married Linda Purvis, who also survives.

Mr. McLain had lived in Hudson two years, coming from Florida. He was a self-employed carpenter and also worked for Carper Hardware in Ashley.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Kevin Stayner of Kendallville; a son, Chester McLain of Orland; three stepsons, Jeffery Purvis and Terry Lahr, both of Wisconsin, and Dale Purvis of Eaton; a sister, Sandra Grosebeck of rural Hudson; two brothers, Michael McLain and Steven McLain, both of rural Hudson; two grandchildren, Lacy Stayner and Valerie Stayner; and six great-grandchildren, Rennae and Jerry Wayne Lahr, Justin and Rachael Purvis and Mackenzie and Brittainy Purvis.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Kevin Stayner officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until services.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Shirley K. Machan, 81, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling there from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ashley L. Hippenhammer, 79, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Eastland Baptist Church, Bryan, Ohio. Calling is from 2-6 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert E. Lauer, 56, died Monday. Services at 6 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling following the service.

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Deaths/Funerals

Carolyn Bemederfer

ANGOLA — Carolyn E. Bemederfer, 86, of Angola, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000, in Life Care Center in LaGrange.

She was born in Vanlue, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1913, to Isaac W.C. and Mary Anna (Dulgar) Walters. On May 21, 1942, she married Walter L. Bemederfer Sr.

Mrs. Bemederfer was a member of Grace United Church of Christ in Fostoria, Ohio. She was past president of the DAR and past president of the Women's Club, both in Fostoria.



Bemederfer

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Walter Jr. and Betty Bemederfer of Angola; two brothers, Marion Walters of Findlay, Ohio, and Eddie Walters of Kendallville; a sister, Eva Wise of Arizona; three grandchildren and their spouses, Bobby and Kristi Ellis, Kent and Lisa Headley and Joey and Beth Barton; six great-grandchildren, Audrey and Adam Headley, and Beau, Amanda and Matthew Barton; and two sisters-in-law, including Renae Walters of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Barton; four sisters, Laurabell Smith, Reva Walters, Mary Lou Walters and Phyllis Walters; and five brothers, Raymond, Ronald, Paul, Richard and Donald Walters.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Ohio.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to the family or charity of the donor's choice.

Gordon McLain

HUDSON — Gordon E. McLain, 61, of Hudson, died Sunday afternoon, March 12, 2000, at his home.

He was born in Salem Township, Steuben County on Oct. 6, 1938, to Donald and E. Josephine (Burch) McLain. They survive in Hudson. On Nov. 30, 1998, in Fremont, he married Linda Purvis, who also survives.

Mr. McLain had lived in Hudson two years, coming from Florida. He was a self-employed carpenter and also worked for Carper Hardware in Ashley.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Kevin Stayner of Kendallville; a son, Chester McLain of Orland; a stepdaughter, Terri Lahr of Wisconsin; two stepsons, Jeffery Purvis of Wisconsin, and Dale Purvis of Eaton; a sister, Sandra Grosebeck of rural Hudson; two brothers, Michael McLain and Steven McLain, both of rural Hudson; two grandchildren, Lacy Stayner and Valerie Stayner; and six stepgrandchildren, Rennae and Jerry Wayne Lahr, Justin and Rachael Purvis and Mackenzie and Brittainy Purvis.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Kevin Stayner officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will begin at 4 p.m. today and continue until services.

Inez Weil

BRYANT, Ind. — Inez L. Weil, 77, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, in the early morning in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a brief illness.

She farmed with her husband in Wabash Township, Jay County, for many years. She was a member of the Portland Women of the Moose Lodge. She was a former Wabash, Ohio, resident.

Mrs. Weil was born March 26, 1922, in Celina, Ohio, to William and Martha (Beamer) Linn.

She married Glenn F. Weil on Feb. 22, 1941, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn E. and Melody Weil of Corunna, and David L. and Connie Weil of Decatur; one sister, Opal Suddoff of St. Mary's, Ohio; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor Mark Strietelmeier will officiate. Burial will be in Swamp College Cemetery west of Celina.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Robert Ellis

AUBURN — Robert Carl Ellis, 46, died Sunday, March 12, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. in the William S. Middleton Memorial Hospital in Madison, Wis.

He was born June 26, 1953, to Arthur and Mabel (Miller) Ellis. They survive in Ashley.

Mr. Ellis was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School and was retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Also surviving are his wife, Sue; a daughter, Ruth Ann; a son, Brad; two brothers, James Ellis of Bryan, Ohio, and Brian Ellis of Butler; and five sisters, Mrs. David (Donna) Koehlinger and Sharon Ellis, both of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Ronald (Beverly) Lankford of Kendallville, Mrs. Claude (Dianna) Buss of Auburn, and Jeanie Bender of Butler.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Karen Sue.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Sara Buehrer

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Sara (Showers) Buehrer, 71, died Sunday, March 12, 2000. She lived in St. Louis.

She was born Jan. 31, 1929, in Auburn to Harry Van and Norma (Stroh) Showers.

Surviving her are three children, Jan, John and Jay.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mayer Funeral Home, 4356 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Esther Emelia Yoder**, 93, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Shepherd of the Hill Chapel in Kendallville. Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ernest Dunkel

WAWAKA — Ernest Dale Dunkel, 83, of Wawaka, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 1:25 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born in LaGrange County on Aug. 12, 1916, to William and Frances (Fish) Dunkel.

Mr. Dunkel was retired from Frick Lumber Co. in Brimfield and was a member of the True Church of God in Jesus Name, Lisbon.

Surviving are three daughters, Elizabeth Combs of Auburn, Alberta Conley of Shipshewana, and Waneta Miller of Bristol; and a son, Ronald Dunkel of California.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the True Church of God in Jesus Name, Lisbon, with the Rev. Sonny Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, rural LaGrange County.

Calling is two hours before services at the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Kae E. Groh**, 51, of Goshen, died at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with calling there from 11:30 a.m. until services.

LIGONIER — **Lucille Rhinehart**, 97, died Monday. Graveside services at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Calling is from 1:30-3 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert D. Lahrman**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, N. 1327 Wells St., with calling three 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Gary Morton of Auburn Motor Sales dies at 53

AUBURN — Gary L. Morton, 53, died today, March 16, 2000, at 6 a.m. in his Auburn home.

He was the service manager and vice president at Auburn Motor Sales for 32 years. He served in Vietnam for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was discharged in 1969.

He was an honorary life member and member for 32 years of Auburn American Legion Post 97, where he served as the present commander for four one-year terms. He was a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion and was a past commander. He was a member of the Waterloo VFW since 1971. He conducted memorial services for Veterans Day for 30 years, and placed flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day for 30 years.

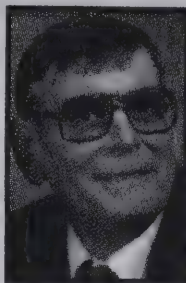
He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge, where he was a past exalted ruler and served as a trustee for five years.

Mr. Morton was born Dec. 2, 1946, in Hicksville, Ohio, to

Russell and Mildred (Oberlin) Morton. They survive in Auburn.

He married Karla K. Koeppe on Feb. 24, 1968, in the Newville Church of Christ, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and his fiancée, Jason Morton of Auburn and Amy Wagner; one daughter, Holly Morton of Chicago; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Randy and Karen Morton of Auburn, and Mark and Pam Morton of Hamilton; and one grandson, Carson James



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Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside military service by the Auburn American Legion.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn American Legion Post 97 or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lavon Eyster

ANGOLA — Lavon M. Eyster, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Eyster was a retired pilot at Tri-State Airport. She and her husband operated the airport for many years. She was an active Red Cross volunteer for 40 years, and was Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Ashley in 1937. She also was the first female commercial pilot licensed in Indiana, receiving her certification in 1941.

She was born April 29, 1908, in DeKalb County to William Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest.

Surviving are three stepsons, Jack Eyster of Albuquerque, N.M., James Eyster of Crystal River, Fla., and William Eyster of Angola; a sister, Dorothy Fisher of Pine Island, Fla.; and a brother, Robert Forrest of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Eyster, in 1986, and by a daughter, Roma Lee Aldrich, in 1996.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County branch of the American Red Cross.

Helen Wiebke

FORT WAYNE — Helen B. Wiebke, 85, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Born in Wells County, she was an Avon representative for 30 years and a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Helmer.

Surviving are three sons, Max P. Wiebke of Vero Beach, Fla., Michael L. Wiebke of Angola, and Fred K. Wiebke of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence W.P. Wiebke, in 1971.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana.

John Mundy

FREMONT — John B. "Ike" Mundy, 85, of Fremont, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, at The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Mundy was the retired owner of Mundy's Phillips 66 gas station in Fremont, which he operated for 30 years. He also joined his wife in the antiques business at Barn Stable Antiques in Fremont.

He was an avid golfer and a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

He was born March 27, 1914, in Fremont to Harry and Cora (Denaway) Mundy.

On March 30, 1935, he married Madelene (Duguid) Mundy in Ray. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Helton of Fremont; two granddaughters, Megan Sultan and Melissa Moburg; and two great-grandsons, Nathan and William Sultan.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ray Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Jennibell Dohner

BUTLER — Jennibell Dohner, 76, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 3:20 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church in rural Butler and the Whittenburg Guild, and a charter member of the Butler Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Dohner was born April 7, 1923, in DeKalb County to Clyde and Bertha (Wise) Whitman. They preceded her in death.

She married Howard Dohner on May 1, 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio, and he died Aug. 23, 1999.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde and Phyllis Dohner of Auburn, and Joe and Jean Dohner of Montpelier, Ohio; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlotte; two brothers, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Barbranne Strite

LAGRANGE — Barbranne Strite, 58, of LaGrange, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ms. Strite, a member of Angola Christian Church, was a salesperson for Unicare Insurance Co. She graduated from Indiana University and majored in music. She taught music in elementary school and at Purdue University. She also performed in several music productions.

She was born April 18, 1941, in East Gilead, Mich., to Lowell and Martha (Schweitzer) Strite. Her mother survives in Niles, Mich.

Also surviving are a sister, Donna Mae Cole of Niles; two brothers, Jack Strite of Williamsport, Pa., and Jeff Strite of Logansport; and four nieces and two nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Wayne W. Weible, 67, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Albion. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

William Yarian

GARRETT — William J. "Bully" Yarian, 51, died Friday, March 17, 2000, at 2:53 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked for Schilling Chilling in Indianapolis for two years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Mr. Yarian was born Jan. 13, 1949, in Garrett to Donald E. and Alice (Hayes) Yarian. His father survives in Garrett and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Connie K. Tuttle on March 28, 1970, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Darin Yarian of Garrett; two daughters, Lori Phelps of New Castle and Kristi Yarian of Garrett; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, David and Deb Yarian of Welaka, Fla., Larry Yarian of Auburn, Harry and Lisa Yarian of Garrett, Rick and Lena Yarian of Garrett, and Steve Yarian of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Jack Freeze of Garrett, and Marie and Malen Kugler of Ashley; a half-sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Jack Renwald of Waterloo; and four

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, John and Paul Yarian.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett Library Foundation or Garrett Parks Department.

Sally Ann Anderson

MICHIGAN CENTER, Mich. — Sally Ann Anderson, 61, of Michigan Center, Mich., died Friday, March 17, 2000, at W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Anderson was a bookkeeper with the Ikram Accounting Firm. She was a former Girl Scout volunteer and Sunday school supervisor, and loved bird watching and her flower garden.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Monte L. Anderson; a daughter, Linda Rae Anderson of

Douglas, Mich.; two brothers, Roy and Lee Yarde, and her mother, Lois Yarde, all of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Nichols-Arthur Funeral Home, 820 Fifth St., Michigan Center, with the Rev. David L. Augenstein officiating. Burial will be in Leoni Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jackson County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Freeman R. Miller, 90, died Friday, March 17, 2000, in his home. Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lloyd Lambright residence, 5390 W. 600-South, Topeka. Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Miller residence at 5675 W. 600-South, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

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Deaths & Funerals

George Moreland Sr.

GOSHEN — George William (Bill) Moreland Sr., 79, a Goshen resident since 1960, died at Goshen General Hospital on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, following emergency surgery on Feb. 28.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1921 in Cynthiana, Kentucky to Homer M. and Christine (Glenn) Moreland. His parents and a sister, Jayne, preceded him in death.

On Oct. 6, 1949, Mr. Moreland was married to Phyllis Ann Watkins.

Mr. Moreland was a teacher and administrator in the Indiana public schools for 12 years, in Fremont, Huntington, Warsaw and Middlebury. He was also in textbook publishing and a national consultant for Laidlaw Brothers Co., the American Book Co., and McDougal-Littel Co., for 30 years.

Upon retirement, he actively managed the Carriage House

Restoration Shop.

A Fremont High School graduate, Mr. Moreland's undergraduate work included the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Hillsdale College of Hillsdale, Mich. and the University of Kentucky at Lexington. His graduate degree was bestowed at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Mr. Moreland served with the United States Naval Air Corps in World War II. His former affiliations were Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Goshen Masonic Lodge, and St. James Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Maryanna Moreland-Satterfield of Vienna, Georgia; three sons, G. W. Moreland Jr. of Munich, Germany, Kennedy M. Moreland of Lexington, Ky., and John M. Moreland of Franklin; a sister, Nancy Eme of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and two grandsons, Andrew Moreland and Steven Satterfield.

A requiem mass will be said today at 2 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, Sixth Street at Lincoln Avenue, Goshen. The body has been cremated with interment to be in Cynthiana, Ky.

Friends are invited to join the family in a celebration of Mr. Moreland's life at the Front Porch Inn, 320 S. Fifth St., after the mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to The Ireland Fund for Peace and Reconciliation, 211 Congress St., Boston, MA 02110, the Goshen Public Library, or St. James Episcopal Church.

Hartman Funeral Home-Blocker Harris Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn Craig

COLUMBIA CITY — Marilyn S. Craig, 68, died Saturday, March 18, 2000, in Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw.

She was born July 11, 1931 in Syracuse to Leo L. and Olive R. (Druckimiller) Pippenger. In 1950 she was married to Dale L. Craig Sr. and in 1981 to Don Poage.

Raised in Noble County, Mrs. Craig graduated from Syracuse High School in 1949, came to Columbia City in the 1960s and had lived there since then.

She was employed from 1969 to 1981 by the Weatherhead Company, where impaired health forced her early retirement.

She was a member of the AARP, the New Life Fellowship Church of God and its Ladies Prayer Group.

Surviving are four sons, Dale L. Craig Jr. of Albion, Bruce A. Craig of Columbia City, Kevin W. Craig of Oswego and Byron L. Craig of South Whitley; two daughters, Crystal C. Mast of Ligonier and Cheryl Dolbee of Warsaw; two stepsons, Lake C. Poage and Shane Wyatt, both of Albion; one brother, David Pippenger of Albion; two half sisters, Carolyn Scherick and Patsy Karst, both of Kendallville; 30 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Bob Pippenger.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in New Life Fellowship Church.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, and after 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery of Columbia City.

Ferman Lambright

TOPEKA — Ferman M. Lambright, 15, of Topeka, died Saturday, March 18, 2000, at his home. He had heart problems since birth.

He was born Feb. 1, 1985, in LaGrange to Marvin and Erma (Miller) Lambright, who survive. He had lived in the area all his life, was a student at LaGrange Elementary School, and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are grandparents Elma Miller of Topeka and Leland and Anna Lambright of Topeka; great grandfather Christian Miller of Shipshewana; three sisters, Marla, Inah and Jane Lambright, all at home; and two brothers, Loren and Arlyn Lambright, both at home.

One grandfather, Orva Miller, preceded him in death on Feb. 1, 1990.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the family residence, with Bishop Dan A. Miller and the Rev. Albert Yoder, both of the Old Order Amish Church, officiating. Calling is all day today and Monday at the family residence.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery of Topeka.

Donald Cripe

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Vern Cripe, 82, of Kendallville, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, in his home.

He was born Nov. 9, 1917 in Kendallville to Vern and Mildred Deibele-Probst, graduated from Avilla High School in 1936 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1941-45.

Mr. Cripe worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, from where he retired in 1983.

Surviving are a sister, Betty Atz of Kendallville; two half sisters, Marjorie Miller of Kendallville and Barbara Drerup of Avilla; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, George Probst.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. There will be no services or visitation.

Virgie Hewitt

KIMMELL — Virgie Jean Hewitt (Cooper), 51, of Kimmell, died Saturday, March 18, 2000, at a daughter's residence in Fort Wayne after a two-year illness of cancer.

She was born Dec. 3, 1948 in Wolf Lake to Hershel Leroy Hewitt Sr. and Lilia LaVern (Burns) Hewitt, was a lifetime resident of Noble County, and was assistant manager of a convenience store.

She was a member of Kimmell Methodist Church, and had attended Kimmell Elementary School and Cromwell High School.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale C. Cooper of Ligonier, and Bryan D. and Tara L. Cooper of Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Suzette M. Cooper of California, Jason L. and Bobbi Jean Ritter of Fort Wayne, Carrie A. Kendall of Fort Wayne, and Shane A. and Jennifer R. Cook of Ligonier; three brothers, Randy L. Hewitt of Fort Wayne, Hershel L. Hewitt Jr. of Kimmell and Michael D. Hewitt of Kimmell; three sisters, Linda S. Hewitt of Rochester, Karen L. Weaver of Goshen and Penny M. Owsley of Rome City; and 12 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Vickie A. Hewitt; and one granddaughter, Madison L. Cooper.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier, with the Rev. Linda Hewitt officiating.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and burial will be in Sparta Cemetery of Kimmell.

Memorials are to Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Studebaker

WATERLOO — Thomas K. Studebaker, 51, died Friday, March 17, 2000, at 12:51 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He worked in the tool room at Auburn Gear since 1967. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge 556 in Spencerville, DeKalb York Rite, and Auburn American Legion.

Mr. Studebaker was born Sept. 12, 1948, in Huntington to Harold and Maxine (Hiers) Studebaker.

He married Judith Williamson on Sept. 18, 1987 in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Mike Robertson of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Mary Vogel of Garrett and Theresa Williford of Auburn; two brothers, Michael Studebaker of Spencerville and Steven Studebaker of Waterloo; two nieces, Deb Studebaker of Auburn and Diane Simpson of Spencerville; and two nephews, Jeff Studebaker of St. Joe and Brandon Studebaker of Auburn.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held today at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jose Rios

AUBURN — Jose Leonardo Amada Cazares Rios, 45, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, from a brain hemorrhage which resulted in a single car accident near Butler.

He lived in Auburn and worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler.

Mr. Rios was born Nov. 9, 1945, in Tulancingo Hidalgo, Mexico.

Surviving him are his wife, Andrea Fuentes of Mexico City, Mexico; his mother, Alicia Rios of Mexico City; a daughter, Miriam Cazares of Mexico City; a son, Diego Cazares of Mexico City; two sisters, Celia Cazares of Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico, and Alejauro Cazares; four brothers, Miguel Cazares, Etellinn Cazares, and Cenorina Cazares and Eduardo Cazares, both of Tulancingo Hidalgo.

There are no local services or calling. All visitation, services and burial will take place in Mexico.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold A. Scherf

ASHLEY — Harold A. Scherf, 82, of Ashley, died Friday, March 17, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Scherf, a pattern maker in the automotive industry, was a member of the Land of Lakes Radio Club, the Auburn Moose Lodge and St. John's United Church of Christ, Ashley.

He was born Dec. 9, 1917, in Detroit, Mich., to Rudolph and Pauline (Oppat) Scherf.

Surviving are his companion Ilen DeWald of Angola; a sister, Elverta Brown of Brighton, Mich.; and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Grogg) Scherf, in 1978; and a brother, Rudy Scherf.

Graveside services were this morning at Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

James Turner

WOLCOTTVILLE — James H. Turner, 69, died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at his rural Wolcottville home.

He was a truck driver for Gladieux Refinery of Fort Wayne. He moved from New Haven to Wolcottville in 1982. He was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church and Wolcottville Lions Club.

Mr. Turner was born March 20, 1930, in Elizabethtown, Ky., to Herbert A. and Anna (Strange) Turner.

He married Lois M. Gunsenhouser on Oct. 29, 1954, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Pam S. Cassidy of Beverly Hills, Mich.; three sons, Paul A. Turner of New Haven, Stacy H. Turner of Fort Wayne, and Glen W. Turner of Wolcottville; and 11 grandchildren.

A son, James Richard Turner, and a daughter, Virginia M. Engdahl, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Woodruff. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Helen E. Gergen, 85, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — Ferne L. Stillson, 85, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ligonier Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Jerry Evans

HAMILTON — Jerry Evans, 69, of rural Hamilton, died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Evans, a military veteran, retired in 1990 as a pressman with Moore Business Forms in Angola. He was a member of the Calvary Chapel Church, Stroh, and the National Rifle Association.

He was born Oct. 31, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Archie and Velma (Roe) Evans.

On Nov. 1, 1954, he married his wife, Patricia, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jeri Lynn Brown and Jodie Gorrell, both of Fremont; a son, Rory Evans of Hamilton; two sisters, Sharon Harper of Markle, and Barbara Hormon of Poe; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Metz Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Bion Young

PLEASANT LAKE — Bion A. Young, 86, of rural Pleasant Lake, died at 3:10 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

He was born in Stroh on June 26, 1913, to Ira and Bertha (Schermerhorn) Young. On March 21, 1936, he married Beth Kenyon. She preceded him in death Jan. 2, 1972. On Aug. 18, 1973, he married Mildred Seymoure. She survives.

Mr. Young was a 1930 graduate of Salem Center High School and attended Manchester College for one year. He was a retired farmer and had lived at rural Pleasant Lake since 1936. He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ, Steuben County Farm Bureau, Steuben County DHIA and was superintendent of soil conservation in Steuben County.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lois and Richard Hand of Greenville, S.C., and Martha Gatton of Indianapolis; three sons and daughters-in-law, Keith A. and Judy Young of Pleasant Lake, Lloyd K. and Sally Young

Robert McCann

BUTLER — Robert E. McCann, 75, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at 11 p.m. in his Butler home.

He was a mechanic for McCann's Garage.

Mr. McCann was born May 22, 1924, in Auburn to Wilbur and Olive (Krontz) McCann. They preceded him in death.

He married Jean Deventer on April 5, 1947, in LaPorte, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Vicki and Dick Grogg of Butler, Susan and Bruce Harrold of Greybull, Wyo., Penny Houser of Butler, and Robyn and Charles Miller, also of Butler; one sister, Willa J. Evanoff of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Rick; three brothers, Raymond, Galen and Daniel; and one sister, Nellie Morrow.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

of Washington, Ind., and Everett W. and Nancy Young of Perth, Germany; three stepchildren, Mrs. Larry (Diana) Leffel and Catherine Seymoure, all of Albion, and David and Carol Seymoure of Peru; 23 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and four sisters.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Stroh Church of Christ with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the church and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ building fund.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Jeremy Deters

FREMONT — Jeremy Paul Deters, 20, of Fremont, died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Deters, formerly of Eitzen, Minn., was a 1998 graduate of Caledonia High School, Caledonia, Minn. After graduation, he moved to Indiana, where he was employed as an electrician at Deters Electric in Angola.

He was born Dec. 8, 1979, in LaCrosse, Wis., to Paul and Jackie (Lodermeier) Deters, who survive in Eitzen.

Also surviving are a sister, Carrie Deters of Eitzen; his maternal grandmother, Jeanne Lodermeier of Lake City, Minn.; his paternal grandparents, Duane and Delores Deters of Caledonia; and aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Norbert Lodermeier.

A memorial service will be held at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Reuben Bebler officiating. Burial will take place Friday in St. Luke's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Eitzen.

Calling is from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of his parents.

Patrick McDonald

ANGOLA — Patrick G. McDonald, 65, of Angola, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. McDonald, a military veteran, was a self-employed truck driver and retired in 1997. He was a member of Angola Lodge No. 236 F&AM, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine and Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

He was born Sept. 5, 1934, in Cromwell to Harry and Violet (Rice) McDonald.

On March 16, 1973, he married Penny McDonald, who survives at home.

Also surviving are five daughters, Kay Blanchard of Fort Wayne, Angie Deck of Wolf Lake, Colleen McDonald of Millersburg, Tammy McDonald of Ligonier, and Kim

Meyer of Coldwater, Mich.; six sons, Todd Clouse of Angola, Dan Kuhn of Cromwell, Ed Kuhn of Cromwell, Larry Kuhn of Cromwell, Bill McDonald of Wawaka, and Michael McDonald of Millersburg; three sisters, Kathy Holsinger of Ligonier, Ardith Keister of Albion, and Jeanine Villamaa of Fort Wayne; and 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brad Miller, in 1990, and a sister, Charlene Birch, in 1986.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be at Powers Cemetery, Steuben County, with graveside service by Angola Lodge No. 236 F&AM.

Memorials are to Strengthen Our States, care of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Johoski, 79, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. Calling 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Ellis

AUBURN — Robert Carl Ellis, 46, died Sunday, March 12, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. in William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wis.

He was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School and was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202.

Mr. Ellis was born June 26, 1953, to Arthur and Mable (Miller) Ellis. They survive in Ashley.

He married his wife, Sue, on Dec. 13, 1987, in Wichita Falls, Texas. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann; a son, Brad of Auburn; two stepdaughters and one stepson-in-law, DaAnna and Dean Marker of Silver Creek, Neb., and Tonya Martin of Waterloo; a stepson, Brian Martin of Kearney, Neb.; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Brian Ellis of Butler, and James and Nancy Ellis of Bryan, Ohio; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly and Ronald Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanie Bender of Butler; four granddaughters and one grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, a stepgrandson and stepgranddaughter.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 217 W. Main St., Butler, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating.

Memorials are to the William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison WI 53705; attention: Transplant Unit.

Gunderson Funeral Home in Madison is in charge of arrangements.

George Myers

FREMONT — George A. "Bunk" Myers, 75, of Fremont, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Myers was owners of Myers Bottle Gas Co. in Fremont for 12 years and a farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 26, 1924, in Steuben County to Arly and Hazel (Newnam) Myers.

On April 16, 1946, he married Ruth (Benninghoff) Myers, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde A. Myers of Fremont; three daughters, Connie McCollough and Sara A. Sechler, both of Coldwater, Mich., and Martha Myers of Fremont; two sisters, Mary Alice Garcia of Rio Hondo, Texas, and Barbara Ann Pipp of Redlands, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Lynn Campbell and Berta Lee Brooks.

Services were held this morning at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Roger Baker officiating.

Allen Shultz

HOWE — Allen E. Shultz, 74, of Howe, died Tuesday, March 20, 2000, from a heart attack in Noble County.

He was born in LaGrange on April 19, 1925, to Irvin and Edna (Young) Shultz. On May 31, 1952, in Tennessee, he married Regate Hensmanns. She survives.

Mr. Shultz had worked for Wolcottville Grain. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Sturgis, Mich.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul A. Shultz of Carthage, Mo., and Thomas Shultz of Howe; five daughters, Rebecca Smith of Carthage, Mo., Deborah Shultz of Howe, Lois Pavel of Hillsdale, Mich., Esther Shultz of Angola, and Mary Chamberlain of Athens, Mich.; a brother, Homer Shultz of Wolcottville; two sisters, Margaret Troyer of LaGrange, and Betty Ibbotson of Denver, Colo.; and 11

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Ann Worthy; a sister, Katherine Waltz; and two brothers, Ralph and William Shultz.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses in Sturgis, Mich.

There will be no calling.

Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, is in charge of arrangements.

Patrick McDonald

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Mr. McDonald, a military veteran, was a self-employed truck driver and retired in 1997. He was a member of Angola Lodge No. 236 F&AM, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Mizpah Shrine and Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

He was born Sept. 5, 1934, in Cromwell to Harry and Violet (Rice) McDonald.

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He was preceded in death by a son, Brad Miller, in 1990, and a sister, Charlene Birch, in 1986.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be at Powers Cemetery, Steuben County, with graveside services by Angola Lodge No. 236 F&AM.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Strengthen Our States, care of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Irene Cheshier

FORT WAYNE — Irene Cheshier, 87, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked in teletype and communications at General Electric Co. from 1933 to 1945. She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Altar Society and Rosary Society, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 6, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Louis and Mary Alice (Schele) Kramer.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Thomas Wiegand of Angola; a son, Kenneth L. Cheshier of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Frances Holladay of San Diego, Calif.; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Torrence "Tony" Cheshier, in 1998; one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1600 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne. Father Lourdino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or St. Joseph Hospital Cardiac Care Unit.

Alice Lautzenhiser

HAMILTON — Alice Gertrude Lautzenhiser, 71, died Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She studied piano at the Chicago Conservatory of Music while in high school, and was a master musician volunteer at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga. She graduated from Ball State University in Muncie.

She was a member of Lakewood Village Community Church in Long Beach, Calif., and its Women's Guild, and the United Methodist Women's Circle. She loved her grandchildren, gardening, playing the piano, reading and world travel.

She was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Gary, Ind., to Clyde H. and Alice E. (Conway) Mullins.

She married Roger Lautzenhiser on July 24, 1949, in Gary, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roger and Linda Lautzenhiser of Columbus, Ohio, Mahlon and Lindi Lautzenhiser of Hamilton, Bruce and Jackie Lautzenhiser of Pleasant Lake, and Christopher Lautzenhiser of Torrance, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Paul Fraser of Hudson Falls, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Gennie Mullins; and eight grandchildren, Ashley, Jessica, Lucas, Joseph and John Lautzenhiser, Corey Lautzenhiser (Correlchie), and Lawrel and Liam Fraser.

A brother, Conway Mullins, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with Dr. Richard Wing, pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, officiating. Burial was in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Nicholas Sarchette

AUBURN — Nicholas Ray Sarchette, 16, died Sunday, March 19, 2000. He was a student in Auburn and had attended school in Bland, Mo.

He was born Jan. 5, 1984, in St. Louis, Mo.

Surviving him are his mother, Sandra Fern Sarchette of Auburn and her fiancé, Michael Holt; his father, Gary Michal Wendt of Eureka, Mo., and his wife, Nelda; a sister, Celena Charlene Sarchette of Auburn; his grandfather, Arthur Kottwitz of Bland; three uncles and aunts, Roger and Mary Kottwitz, and Melvin and Renee Kottwitz, all of Bland, and Gene and Janet Kottwitz of Belle, Mo.; and four cousins, Jesse, Jacob, Jenny Lynn and Jason.

His grandmother, Fern Clara Kottwitz, preceded him in death.

Services were held today in the Zion United Church of Christ in Bland, with Dale Starr officiating. Burial was in Countryside Memorial Gardens in Owensville, Mo.

Sassmann's Funeral Service, Bland, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Robert R. Scheurich**, 80, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

TOPEKA — **R. Eileen Whirlledge**, 73, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

L. Renea Baker

SPENCERVILLE — L. Renea Baker, 37, died Thursday morning at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Baker worked in medical billing. She was a member of Central Mennonite Church in Fort Wayne and a past member of Bar None Saddle Club of Auburn, Indiana Saddle Horse Association, DeKalb County 4-H Horse & Pony Club, and Friends & Survivors Cancer Support Group. She participated in Relay for Life.

She was born Aug. 17, 1962, in Fort Wayne to Wayne and Jean Douglas. Her mother survives in Spencerville and her father is deceased.

She married Terry W. Baker on June 4, 1983, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cortney Baker, at home; a son, Cody Baker, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Cindy Chappell of Fort Wayne, and Randy and Lois Chappell of Auburn; her grandmother, Georgia Anderson of Auburn; a stepsister, Janet Ducey of Pueblo, Colo.; and a stepbrother, Steve Douglas of Culver City, Ind.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Central Mennonite Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Don Delagrang will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to her children.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Fradenburg

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Harold L. Fradenburg, 78, of St. Petersburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000, in his home.

Mr. Fradenburg was born in Angola and moved to St. Petersburg from Hamilton, Ohio, in 1957. He was a retired electrical engineer and a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and two Air Medals. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Protestant church member.

Surviving are a son, Michael, and a daughter, Sandra McKay, both of St. Petersburg; two brothers, Wayne of Angola and Jerry of Dalton, Ga.; a sister, Louise Hughes of Redding, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The National Cremation Society in St. Petersburg was in charge of funeral arrangements. Burial was in Bay Pines Veteran National Cemetery in St. Petersburg.

Helen Warner

HUNTERTOWN — Helen B. Warner, 95, died Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. She had been a patient there about a month after being hospitalized in February.

She was a former employee of Lincoln Engravers in Fort Wayne, and retired in 1980 as a secretary for Precision Lithoplate in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1923 and was a life-long resident of Huntertown.

She was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church and Churubusco Order of

the Eastern Star 136. She was secretary of the Huntertown Order of the Eastern Star for many years.

Mrs. Warner was born March 12, 1905, in Huntertown.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Sally Warner of Huntertown; three grandsons and their wives, Rick and Laurie Warner, and Jeff and Jennifer Warner, all of Huntertown, and Bradley and Carol Warner of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Debbie Kruse of Huntertown; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her son, Gaylord C. Warner, preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1997.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling after 9 a.m. Dr. David Michel, pastor of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

The Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Cecil Jefferies, 89, died at 3 p.m. Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Iola Trindle

ASHLEY — Iola M. Trindle, 86, died Friday, March 24, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home at Auburn.

Mrs. Trindle worked as a clerk in the Ashley Post Office, retiring in 1978.

She was born in DeKalb County to Gaubert and Bessie (Hamman) Gaetz.

She married Newton Trindle on July 3, 1954. He died March 19, 1975.

Surviving her are a brother, Robert Gaetz of Hudson; and two sisters, Ruth Duguid of Pleasant Lake and Marjorie Weatherly of Kokomo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Wilbur, Homer and Owen Gaetz; and a sister, Joyce Ann Gaetz.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, in rural Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Judson Keeler

BRADENTON, Fla. — Judson Dale "Judd" Keeler, 74, of Kendallville, became ill suddenly and died Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at 11:30 a.m. in Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Keeler was a service manager who retired from Parker-Nivens Inc., in 1980 after working there 8 1/2 years. He also was a service manager and mechanic for the Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealer in Kendallville for 34 years.

Mr. Keeler was an avid Komet Hockey fan for 48 years, as well as an avid traveler.

He was born Aug. 15, 1925, to William and Daisy (Meeks) Keeler in DeKalb County. He lived in Kendallville since 1948 after coming there from St. Joe.

He married Beverly June Haver on Oct. 24, 1948, in Garrett. She survives him.

Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Olevia Keeler of St. Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Flossie Bassett; and two brothers, Ralph Keeler and Clayton Keeler.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Kathleen Klaiss

COLDWATER, Mich. — Kathleen Mary Klaiss, 46, of Coldwater, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at her home.

Ms. Klaiss enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with her family. She moved to California as a child and attended Canyon High School in Castro Valley, Calif. She returned to Battle Creek, Mich., before moving to Leander, Texas, with her family. She then returned to the Coldwater area to help care for her parents in Ashley.

She was born May 28, 1953, in Battle Creek to Harold C. and Mary T. (Shanahan) Klaiss.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher Thomas of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jason Thomas of Ashley; two brothers, Thomas Klaiss of Coldwater, and John Klaiss of Ashley; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Lupus Foundation.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Sarah K. Ireland, 92, died Thursday. Services today at 2 p.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling two hours before the services.

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Betty 'Jean' Moore

SPENCERVILLE — Betty "Jean" Moore, 76, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moore was a cook at Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe for 25 years. She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church, the Spencerville Community Club, and the Spencer Belles Home Economics Club. She was very active at the Heimach Center in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Auburn. Her parents were Arthur Longbrake and Mary (Weidner) Longbrake Markle.

On Dec. 12, 1942, in Spencerville she married Glenn F. Moore, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Charyl Zeisloft of Auburn and Deloris "Dee" Stanley of Bowling Green, Ky.; two sons, Donald Moore of Fort Wayne and Robert Moore of Blackshire, Ga.; a sister, Barbara Longbrake of Spencerville; a brother, Henry "Sonny" Markle of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Howey, on Aug. 8, 1990, and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Mark Hambrock officiating. Burial will be in White Cemetery, Spencerville.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church or the Heimach Center.

Anna Baker

STROH — Anna Belle Baker, 66, died Friday, March 24, 2000, in her home at Stroh.

Mrs. Baker worked as an assistant bank manager with Indiana Bank for 16 years, retiring in 1982. She was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 5, 1934, in Nebraska.

She is survived by her mother, Belle Larsen of Nebraska; her husband, Norman E. of Stroh; three sons, Brent G. and Michael A., both of Fort Wayne, and Mark E. of Massillon, Ohio; a daughter, Kathleen D. Grygienc of Fremont; five sisters, Ella Mae Musil, Mary Lou Kucera and Alice Dady, all of Nebraska, and Elaine Rathjen and Clara Rathjen, both of California; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the service begins.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Isenbarger

GARRETT — Mary A. Isenbarger, 75, of Garrett, died Sunday, March 26, 2000, at 4:02 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Isenbarger was the manager of the DeKalb County Advertiser in Garrett for 30 years, from its beginning in 1958 until her retirement in 1987.

She was named the Garrett Chamber of Commerce co-citizen of the year, along with her husband, Robert, in 1981. She was past president of the Business and Professional Women of Indiana, past president of the Garrett Homemakers and a member of the Garrett Bicentennial Steering Committee. She served as chairman of the Garrett Days Pet Parade for several years.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, a past Bible School teacher, and member of the ladies of the church and the XYZ Club. She was a longtime Garrett resident.

She was born May 9, 1924, in Roanoke to Burwell C. and Mabel (Scheiber) Caley.

She married Robert T. Isenbarger on March 22, 1947, in the West Creighton Church of Christ in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 6, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and Fred Hall of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Susan Isenbarger of Atlanta, Ga.; two grandsons, Jonathon Hall of Garrett and Greg Isenbarger of Atlanta; two granddaughters, Kimberly Hall of Garrett and Caley Isenbarger of Atlanta; a great-grandson, Brant Hall; a sister-in-law, Bess Caley, and a brother-in-law, Virgil Jones, both of Roanoke.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Robert Caley, and a sister, Helen Jones.



Isenbarger

Robert Renbarger

WABASH — Robert Edgar Renbarger, 91, died Saturday, March 25, 2000, at 3:05 p.m. in Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

He was a retired farmer and a member of the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ since 1924. He was a member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club and Wabash County Farm Bureau. He was a 1928 graduate of Chippewa High School. He lived and farmed in rural Wabash for many years.

Mr. Renbarger was born Nov. 5, 1908, in Wabash County to Daniel Elmer and Ida Prickett. They preceded him in death.

He married Lucille Keaffaber on Aug. 31, 1930, at Urbana, Ind. She died Oct. 26, 1986.

Surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Marvin Walker of Waterloo; a son, Jerry Renbarger of Wabash; a brother, Harold Renbarger of Wabash, eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, on State Road 15 north of Wabash. John Leinbaugh will officiate, with burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Wabash.

Memorials are to the church.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer and Andrew Hagle officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday in the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ Library Fund or Mission Committee.

Laura Atkinson

FORT WAYNE — Laura B. Atkinson, 81, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker. Her husband, Herbert E. Atkinson Jr., preceded her death.

Surviving her are three daughters, Faye Doneff, Carolyn Pillar and Mary Moreno, all of Fort Wayne; four sons, Lee Roy of Auburn, Richard M. and David A., both of Fort Wayne, and John D. of Great Falls, Mont.; a sister, Hazel Bullard of Galesburg, Mich.; two brothers, Kenneth Rice of Baldwin, Mich., and Carl Rice of Mikado, Mich.; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A son, Mark Jeffrey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to East Congregation Kingdom Hall, Jehovah's Witnesses, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lois Krinn

OSSIAN — Lois Conley Krinn, 53, died Saturday, March 25, 2000, in Ossian Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She was a homemaker and former Garrett resident. She was born in Teaberry, Ky., and had lived in Indiana for 33 years.

Surviving her are her husband, Kenneth; her mother, Love Akers of Teaberry; four daughters, Denise Hall of Teaberry, Beverly Ratcliff of Pikeville, Ky., and Lynn Pequignot and Teresa Conley, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vonda Oney of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Daniel Akers and Ralph Akers, both of Teaberry; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Teaberry Baptist Church in Teaberry, with calling there today and Tuesday. Burial will be in Akers Cemetery in Teaberry.

Memorials are to Vista Care & Hospice.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of local arrangements.

Darrick Cooper

FORT WAYNE — Darrick Deloss "Dakie" Cooper, 31, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was a tattoo artist for three years at the House of Pain tattoo shop in Columbia City. He was born in Muncie.

Surviving him are his mother, Susie Cooper-Kapp of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Heather Briggs of Fort Wayne; two sons, Cody Nagel and Colton Nagel, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Darin Cooper of Spencerville and Dustin Dakins of Muncie; a sister, Dawnette Dakins of Muncie; and his grandparents, Myron Rutledge of Fort Wayne and Deloss E. Parrott of Rockford, Mich.

Services were today at noon at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Warren W. Vance, 80, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

SHIPSHEWANA — Cheryl A. Yoder-O'Rourke, 38, died Sunday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the LaVerne Bontrager Community Center, U.S. 20 and C.R. 850W, Shipshewana. Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Leroy Miller residence at 0075N — 7800W, Shipshewana.

Ruth Radcliff

HAMILTON — Ruth Walberry Radcliff, 83, died Sunday, March 26, 2000, in the evening at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Radcliff was a beautician for 63 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women, Rebekkah Lodge and Pythian Sisters.

She was born Oct. 1, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio, to Jeremiah and Bessie (Hagelbarger) Briner.

Her first husband, Herman Walberry, preceded her in death in 1978.

She married Leo Radcliff on Feb. 14, 1987, and he died in 1998.

Surviving her are a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Larry and Gail Radcliff of Hamilton; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Karen and Jerry Houlton of Hamilton; a sister, Mildred Greek of Montpelier, Ohio; three stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the church.

Kenneth DeLong

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth L. DeLong, 42, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, March 25, 2000, in an automobile crash on Bellefontaine Road near Pleasant Lake.

Mr. DeLong had lived in the area for a year after moving from North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He worked in truck maintenance for Klink Trucking of Ashley.

He was born Dec. 28, 1957, in Fort Wayne to Loren L. and Marilyn (Steininger) DeLong, who survive in Pleasant Lake.

On Dec. 22, 1984, he married Catherine DeLong, who survives in North Vancouver.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen Kainuma of North Vancouver; two daughters, Ellen and Emily DeLong, both of North Vancouver; a brother, Kerry DeLong of Burnaby, British Columbia; a sister, Wendy Grosvenor of Salt Lake City; and his grandparents, Dee G. and Doris Steininger of Grabill.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with LeRoy DeLong officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Della Conley, 91, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hindman Funeral Services, Hindman, Ky., with calling there on Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — Lilly M. Fraley, 66, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — Warren W. Vance, 80, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — Eli J. Eash, 74, died Monday at 11:45 a.m. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Howard Hochstetler residence, 200S — 375W, LaGrange. Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday in the Eli Eash residence, 1895S — 375W.

COLUMBIA CITY — Veril V. Pontzius, 87, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Jack McPheeters

GARRETT — Jack G. McPheeters, 78, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 9:15 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

He was a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Eagles Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. McPheeters was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Cornelius and Orpha (Brown) McPheeters.

He married Dorothy Irene Owen on April 5, 1947, in Auburn. She died Feb. 22, 1999.

Surviving him are one son, Jack G. McPheeters II of Garrett; one daughter, Diana Howard of Auburn; four brothers, Gary and Maurice, both of Garrett, Danny of Fort Wayne, and Jesse of California; three granddaughters, Monica Howard and Kimberly Humphries, both of Indiana, and Heather Wogoman of Middlebury; and four great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Mildred McPheeters, Ruth Dirrim and Lucille Keyes, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Alwillia Tiffany

FREMONT — Alwillia W. Tiffany, 75, of Fremont, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Tiffany was the secretary to the commanding general at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

She was born Sept. 21, 1924, in LeRoy, Ill., to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Whitesell.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Tiffany of Angola; a stepdaughter, Marsha McClish of Angola; a sister, Doris Gillette of Bloomington, Ill.; and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Charles Tiffany.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery of Steuben County.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Alvin Watson

NEW BLOOMINGTON, Ohio — Alvin H. Watson, 60, of New Bloomington and formerly of Morgan County, Ky., died Monday, March 27, 2000, in West Liberty, Ky.

Mr. Watson, a Baptist, was a supervisor at Day Lay Egg Farm in Marion, Ohio, and a newspaper carrier for 10 years with The Evening Star in Marion.

He was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Fayette County, Ohio, to Ottis Hon and Opal Louise (Warner) Watson.

Surviving are his wife, Dora Roberta (Mick) Watson, at home; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Alvin Jr. and Lori Beth Watson of Auburn, Michael Gene and Nancy Watson of New Bloomington, Mark Allen and Tammy Watson of Auburn, and Brian Watson of Marion; four daughters, Crystal Lynn Derreberry and Robin A. Watson, both of Washington Court House, Ohio, and Kelly and Katrina Watson, both of Marion; a special nephew and his wife, Jimmy Dean and Betsy Miller of Washington Court House; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Georgia Taylor of Detroit, Joyce Ann Poe of Washington Court House, Linda and Jay Phillips of Washington Court House, Shirley and Jerry Carnahan

of Hudson, Kay and Bill Gorman of Bay Bridge, Ohio, and Henrietta Peyton of Bay Bridge; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Elroy Watson of Grassy Creek, Ky., Earnest Eugene and Janice Watson of Grassy Creek, Willie L. and Emma Watson of Waterloo, Larry Jay and Kay Watson of Grassy Creek, Calvin M. and Marsha Watson of Ezel, Ky., and Roger Wayne and Mary Watson of Mize, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Milford M. Watson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home chapel, West Liberty, Ky., with the Rev. James Allen and the Rev. Clarence Watson officiating. Burial will be in DeBorde Cemetery, Malone, Ky.

Calling is after 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home, 367 Main St., West Liberty, KY 41472.

Ruth Radcliff

HAMILTON — Ruth Walberry Radcliff, 83, died Sunday, March 26, 2000, in the evening at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Radcliff was a beautician for 63 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women, Rebekkah Lodge and Pythian Sisters.

She was born Oct. 1, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio, to Jeremiah and Bessie (Hagelbarger) Briner.

Her first husband, Herman Walberry, preceded her in death in 1978.

She married Leo Radcliff on Feb. 14, 1987, and he died in 1998.

Surviving her are a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Larry and Elaine Radcliff of Hamilton; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Karen and Jerry Houlton of Hamilton; a sister, Mildred Greek of Montpelier, Ohio; three stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the church.

Dalton Hathaway

FORT WAYNE — Dalton Kenneth Hathaway was stillborn Sunday, March 26, 2000, at 6:54 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Surviving him are his parents, Troy Hathaway of Fort Wayne and Heather Chantaca, also of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Emilio Alexander Chantaca of Fort Wayne and Gage Allen Hathaway of New London, Conn.; his grandparents, Dee Stanley of Bowling Green, Ky., and Kenneth and Louise Nolan of Westville, Ill.; and his great-grandparents, Glenn Moore of Spencerville, Irvin and Beth Menshy of Leo-Cedarville, and Elven and Mary Bean of Westville, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Chelsea Leigh Menshy, on July 4, 1992; a grandfather, James Menshy in 1990; and a great-grandmother, Jean Moore, on March 24, 2000.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at noon in White City Cemetery, Spencerville, with Pastor Mark Hambrock officiating.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruth LaMarr

AUBURN — Ruth I. LaMarr, 88, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 4:20 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

Miss LaMarr was born Oct. 22, 1911, in Churubusco to William and Mary Margaret (Dominy) LaMarr.

Surviving her are four sisters, Naomi Rakestraw, Betty Taylor, Emily Farmer and Janet Maier, all of Auburn.

One sister, Hilda Fankhauser, preceded her in death.

Private services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Ken Conrad will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Lawrence Burch

FREMONT — Lawrence E. Burch, 74, of Fremont, died Monday, March 27, 2000, at Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Burch was a machine operator at Dana Weatherhead, retiring in 1989. He was a military veteran of World War II and a member of the Fremont American Legion post.

He was born April 28, 1925, in Napoleon, Mich., to John and Anna (Lybarger) Burch.

On May 10, 1947, he married Lottie J. (Bell) Burch in Fremont. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carol Burch of Satellite Beach, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria and Robert Sowles of Angola, Gail Burch of Coldwater, Mich., and Gena and Terry Burch-Zulch of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Hazel Gibbons of Maumee, Ohio, and Willa Drushal of Angola; a brother, Robert Burch of Fremont; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with military honors by the Fremont American Legion post.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Albert Keyes

AVON PARK, Fla. — Albert W. Keyes, 89, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, in Bay Pines, Fla.

He worked at Gambles-Skogmo warehouse in Coldwater, Mich., retiring in 1969. He lived at Morrison Lake in Coldwater until 1988, when he moved to Avon Park, Fla. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, as a member of Coldwater's Company A 32nd Division.

Mr. Keyes was born Sept. 2, 1910, in Branch County, Mich., to Charley and Mabel (Teachout) Keyes.

He married Dorothy Jetmore on Dec. 30, 1940, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one grandson, John Keyes of Texas; a granddaughter, Cindy Bringman of Pontiac, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Charles Keyes in 1999, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich., with Pastor Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Union City, Mich.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Talking Books Library.

Raymond Wemus

EDON, Ohio — Raymond O. Wemus, 75, of Edon, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wemus was employed as a welder at Kustom Fit in Pioneer, Ohio.

He was born April 17, 1924, in Allegan, Mich., to Charles and Carrie (Sullenberger) Wemus.

On Nov. 27, 1959, he married Corrinne M. (Cram) Wemus, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Alicia Elaine and Kevin Fritz of Edon, and Sheila LeFevre of Edon; a son, Ronald Wemus of Allegan; a son-in-law, Norman LeFevre of Edon; four grandchildren; a brother, Alfred Wemus of Allegan; a stepsister, Mary; and a stepbrother, Junior.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild; two brothers, David and John E.; and a half-sister, Marie.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Chaplain Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Linda Crawford

PLEASANT LAKE — Linda Jeanette Crawford, 52, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was a charter member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, and a member of the Steuben Township Fireman's Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose.

She was born Dec. 4, 1947, in Angola to Wilber and Doris (Hawkins) Hancock, who survive in Angola.

On Sept. 8, 1968, she married Tom Crawford, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Crawford of Pleasant Lake, and Dave Crawford of Constantine, Mich.; two brothers, Gary and Tom Hancock, both of Angola; one sister, Carol Smith of Angola; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Margaret L. "Peg" Pearsall, 75, died Tuesday. Service at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., March 31, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Martha Watson

AUBURN — Martha Jane Watson, 71, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at 7:02 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Watson was a homemaker.

She worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn in the 1940s, at the Butler Nursing Home in the 1950s and at Waterloo Kiddie College in the 1960s. She was a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church and was a 15-year volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

She was born Feb. 7, 1929, in DeKalb County to Glenn and Ada (Bishop) Warstler. They preceded her in death.

She married Paul C. Watson on April 7, 1946, in Waterloo, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Dale E. Watson and Darl R. Watson, both of Auburn, Dean C. Watson of Fort Wayne, and Dr. David P. Watson of Indianapolis; one daughter, Dawn M. Keen of Waterloo; three brothers, Earl Warstler of Hamilton, Clyde Warstler of Auburn and Larry Warstler of Sutherland, Va.; two sisters, Cleota Hill of Fort Worth, Texas, and Esther Wilcox of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Don; one daughter, Donna; one brother, Richard Warstler, and one sister, Naomi Livergood.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jerry Parker officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Health Care & Hospice.



Watson

Philip Miller

LIGONIER — Philip A. Miller, 74, of Ligonier, died at 3:04 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2000, in the emergency room of Goshen General Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1926, in Darlington to Edwin H. and Mary (Bastian) Miller. On May 3, 1946, in Crawfordsville, he married Phyllis Peterson. She survives.

Mr. Miller moved to Ligonier in 1977. He had taught school and coached basketball for many years in Indiana. Locally he taught at Ligonier High School and coached their basketball team from 1961-64. In 1962, he led the Ligonier High School basketball team to a sectional championship. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He enjoyed watch sports and loved to travel.

Also surviving are three sons, Ed Miller of Ligonier, Dave Miller of Syracuse, and Mike Miller of LaGrange; two daughters, Rosie Sprunger of Butler and Carol Cohee of Peru; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

There will be no services or calling. Following cremation, the family will conduct a private memorial services.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice in care of Goshen General Hospital Foundation, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen 46526.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Richardson

AUBURN — Robert Eugene Richardson, 14 hours old, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at 10:08 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Wednesday at 7:54 p.m. in the hospital to Howard Richardson II and Cheryl (Cusick) Richardson. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are a brother, Howard Richardson III; his grandparents, Howard E. and Phoebe Richardson of Huntington, Pa., and Anita Cusick of Garrett; and his great-grandmother, Leona Morey of Colombiana, Ohio.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Rodney Hall officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Penny Cusick Medical Fund.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Beatrice Snyder

BUTLER — Beatrice B. Snyder, 77, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at 8:50 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

She was a homemaker and member of the Butler United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Circle Club in Butler.

She was born July 3, 1922, in Chicago to Harry D. and Ethel (La'Homidieu) McCleery.

On Oct. 4, 1941, in Auburn she married Warren Emory Snyder, who preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1992.

She is survived by two sons, Lance Snyder of Butler and Michael Snyder of Garrett; a daughter, Linda Ann Evanoff of Butler; a brother, Dean McCleery of East Aurora, N.Y.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Jerry, Roger, and Keith "Scrub" Snyder.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach presiding. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Arabelle J. Pence, 85, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth P. Decker, 91, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Prentice

HUDSON — Ralph E. Prentice, 84, of rural Hudson, died at 6:31 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2000, in Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A life-long resident of Steuben County, Mr. Prentice was a retired farmer and a former employee of Farm Bureau Co-op. He also served as a bus driver for Salem Center School for nine years and was the former owner of the John Deere store in Kendallville. He was last employed as a meat cutter at Albright's Grocery Store in Corunna.

Mr. Prentice was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson.

He was born July 23, 1915, in

Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Marvin and Alma (Ewell) Prentice.

On April 26, 1941, he married Wava Shields in Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Farrel Miller of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Gloria Prentice of rural Hudson; a sister, Leona Becker of rural Hudson; two brothers, Neil Prentice of St. Joe and Wallace Prentice of Avilla; six grandchildren, Randy, Chris and Chad Prentice, Todd and Angela Miller, and Lisa Esterline; and one great-granddaughter, Danielle Miller.

Services will be held Monday at

11 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dean Beerman officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to the funeral service Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Area Death

TOPEKA — Erma L. Detwiler, 87, of Topeka, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services at 7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there Sunday from 4-7 p.m.

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Deaths & Funerals

Alvin Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Alvin L. Schrock, 77, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at 9:45 a.m. at his rural Shipshewana home after an extended illness.

He was a farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was born May 1, 1922, in Hutchinson, Kan., to Levi T. and Rachel (Stutzman) Strock.

In Nappanee on March 22, 1949, he married Mary Borkholder, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanna and Craig Yoder and Rachel and Elroy Miller, all of Shipshewana; six sons and five daughters-in-law, Glenn, and John and Kathryn of Shipshewana, Lawrence and Barbara of Spartansburg, Pa., Marlon and Patricia of Nappanee, Floyd and Lorene of Goshen, and Ray and Lorrie of Millersburg; a sister, Ann Jones of Middlebury; two brothers, Walter of Navarre,

Ohio, and Homer of Florida; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Clara Wingard and Elizabeth Rheinheimer, and a grandson, Jason Neil Miller.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the LaVerne Bontrager residence, 1025N-850W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Jake Deiner, the Rev. Orley Lambright and the Rev. Floyd Lehman presiding. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 0880N-850W, Shipshewana.

Arrangements are by Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Martha Tuttle

FORT WAYNE — Martha Gilbert Tuttle, 93, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at the Towne House, Fort Wayne.

She taught elementary school for 45 years, including three years in Pleasant Lake, 24 years in Carmel and 18 years in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Retired Teachers Association and Psi Iota Xi.

She was born April 10, 1906, in Pleasant Lake to Shirley L. and Nettie Mae (Deller) Gilbert.

She is survived by two stepsons, Clifford Nilson of Angola and Richard Mondhawk of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ned B. Gilbert of Auburn; two nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester V. Tuttle, on March 1, 1996; four brothers, Lloyd, John, Ross and Harry Gilbert; and a sister, Lelia Gilbert.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Viola McKean

ASHLEY — Viola Halsey Traits McKean, 86, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at 10:17 p.m. in the Healthwin Nursing Home, South Bend.

She was a homemaker and a former resident of Ashley. She had lived in South Bend for nine years.

She was born Nov. 23, 1913, in Kentucky to James B. and Maggie (Rainey) Halsey.

Surviving are a son, Gene Traits of North Aurora, Ill.; three sisters, Zenneth Haussemen and Opal Faye Stump, both of Temperance, Mich., and Zolda Stankowski of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Glen Halsey of Cromwell; two grandchildren, Joni Desouza and Sean Traits, both of South Bend; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Gregory and Madeline Mitchner, and a brother, Herschel Halsey.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Elizabeth Miller

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Mae Miller, 53, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at 12:10 a.m. in her rural LaGrange residence after an illness of about 11 months.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was born Nov. 1, 1946, in LaGrange County to Samuel L. and Mattie (Miller) Mast. Her father survives in LaGrange.

Her husband, Orva H. Miller, survives her. They were married in LaGrange County.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Elroy and Lorene Miller and Dewayne and Ida Anna Miller, all of Topeka, and Mervin and Marilyn Miller and Lavern and Mary Anna Miller, all of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Vera Mae and Ferman Yoder of LaGrange; two brothers, Mervin and Henry Mast, both of LaGrange; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Katie and Eli Yoder of Topeka, Mary and Glen Miller and Annie and Harvey Borkholder, all of Nappanee, Alta and Perry Bontrager of Pardeeville, Wis., Vera and Geln Hershberger of Howe and Verna and Monroe Bontrager of LaGrange; and 24 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Orva Miller residence, 3060S—200W, LaGrange, with Bishop Alvin Mishler, the Rev. Melvin Shrock and the Rev. Wilbur C. Miller presiding. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Alton Bontrager, Ernest Miller, David Kauffman and Melvin Shrock.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and all day Monday at the residence.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements

Deaths/Funerals

Roger Watson

NEWVILLE — Roger A. Watson, 57, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Watson was a delivery route man for The Evening Star in Auburn for the past 19 years.

He was born Sept. 20, 1942, in rural Allen County.

Surviving him are his wife, Linda; four sons, Albert Watson and Glenn Watson, both of Newville, Roger Owen of Fort Wayne and Richard Owen of Carson City, Mich.; one daughter, Zandria Berry of Newville; one sister, Helen Dennison of Newville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Verl and Vernice Watson, and two brothers, Guy Watson and Richard Watson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Lucy Winzeler

BRYAN, Ohio — Lucy G. Winzeler, 81, died Friday, March 31, 2000, in Community Hospital of Williams County-Bryan.

Mrs. Winzeler was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Bryan Civic League and Orchard Hills Country Club. She attended Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., and Indiana University in Bloomington.

She was born Aug. 9, 1918, in Auburn to George W. and Marguerite (Thompson) Goodall.

She married Howard Winzeler on June 4, 1938. He died in 1995.

Surviving her are one son, Howard W. "Chip" Winzeler of Naples, Fla.; two daughters Marguarite Garnett of Naperville, Ill., and Barbara Winzeler-Williams of Fort Myers, Fla.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church in Bryan with the Rev. Edward Auchard officiating. A private burial will follow. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Mayo Research Department of Community Hospitals of Williams County Share Foundation.

Rice Funeral Homes Inc. in Bryan is in charge of arrangements.

I. June Lingle

RICHMOND, Ind. — I. June Lingle, 83, died Sunday, April 2, 2000, at Friends Fellowship Community in Richmond.

She was a former secretary and receptionist for her husband in the formative years of Lingle Real Estate. She was an active member of First English Lutheran Church, where she had served on the building committee. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Edon, Ohio, served as a volunteer gray lady at Richmond State Hospital, and served on the YWCA board and as a volunteer with Y Teens.

Mrs. Lingle had lived in Richmond since 1950, moving there from Edon, Ohio. She was a 1934 graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born June 6, 1916, in Waterloo to Augustus and Belle (Buss) Dunn.

She married W. P. "Bill" Lingle on June 21, 1936, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Christine Close of Dayton, Ohio; three sons, Gary and Paul, both of Richmond, and Bill of New Castle; one brother, Edwin "Bud" Dunn of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Faye Higley and Fern Dunn, and three brothers, Russell Dunn, Harry Dunn, and Charles E. "Ring" Dunn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, with Pastor James Fravel officiating. Burial will be in Lutherania Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or to Friends Fellowship Community Court Yards in Richmond.

Doan & Mills Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Williamson

SPENCERVILLE — Dorothy M. Williamson, 64, died Sunday, April 2, 2000, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Williamson was a resident of Spencerville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn. She enjoyed fishing and hunting.

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 23, 1935, to Robert and Bertha O. (Chapman) Ramsey.

She was married in Fort Wayne on Sept. 13, 1951, to Henry Williamson Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Henry H. Williamson Jr. of Spencerville and Rickie L. Williamson of St. Joe; three daughters, Debra A. Koch of St. Joe, Konnie S. Prentice of Butler, and Tina Pepe of Columbia City; two brothers, Robert Ramsey Jr. of Jacksonville, Ala., and Jimmy L. Ramsey of Fort Wayne; one sister, Anna Bell Zdravkoz of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ora May Ramsey, and a half-brother, Robert Ramsey.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. The Rev. Dean Woollard, pastor of the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn, will officiate.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Church of the Cornerstone.

Eileen Thiele

AUBURN — Eileen J. Thiele, 79, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, about 8 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She had worked at Rogers Markets in Fort Wayne and Burger IGA in Auburn, retiring in 1986. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn and its Hope Circle, Auburn Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge in Coldwater, Ohio, and DeKalb County Extension Homemakers.

Mrs. Thiele was born June 26, 1920, in Fort Wayne to William and Sophia (Koeneman) Fuelling.

She married Herman Thiele on Aug. 9, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 6, 1988.

Surviving her are one son, Mark of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Jim Gilmore of Fort Wayne, and Pamela and David Bedner of Williamstown, Pa.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, William Fuelling, and two sisters, Melinda Shay and Louella Roemke, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Auburn Moose Lodge will conduct a memorial service Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Charles Priest

ANGOLA — Charles E. "Chuck" Priest, 82, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Priest, the former owner of the Town House restaurant in Angola, was a first lieutenant with the Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Angola Elks Lodge, the Angola Lodge No. 236 F&AM, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine.

He was born Feb. 17, 1918, in Jay County to Charles and Ollie (Penrod) Priest.

On Nov. 26, 1936, he married Virginia Priest, who survives in Bonita Springs.

Also surviving are a daughter, June McIntyre of Stuart, Fla., a son, Tom Priest of Riverview, Mich.; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman R. Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Box 1102, Angola, IN 46703, and the Steuben County Cancer Fund, Angola.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Laura Alice Beers**, 91, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

LAGRANGE — **Elizabeth Mae Miller**, 53, died Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Orva Miller residence, 3060S — 200W, LaGrange, with calling there all day today.

LIGONIER — **E. Laurine Duesler**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Kristian Huss

ORLAND — Kristian James Huss, age 9 months, of Orland, died Monday, April 3, 2000, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He was born June 18, 1999, in LaGrange to Charles and Rebecca (Gray) Huss, who survive at home.

Also surviving are two half-brothers, Jonathan Huss of Bristol and Storm Singleton, at home; a grandmother and her husband, Linda and Raymond Burd; a great-grandmother, Gwendolyn Carter of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; a grandmother, Nancy Gray of Martin's Ferry; and a grandfather and his wife, Jack and Vera Huss of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Charles "Pap Pap" Gray, in 1999.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Christ's Harvest Church, Angola, with the Rev. John Longenecker officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Rayland, Ohio.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Janet Wakenight

MARSHALL, Mich. — Janet L. Wakenight, 57, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at her Marshall, Mich., home after a lengthy illness.

She was a school teacher her entire life, teaching in Rockford, Ill., Anderson and Auburn before moving to Marshall. She taught kindergarten at Gordon Elementary School in Marshall from 1986 to 1998. She was the former director of the Y-Center Lemon Tree Nursery School.

She graduated from New London High School in New London, Ohio, in 1960. She attended Fort Wayne Bible College and then Ball State University, where she received a master's degree in elementary counseling.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she was Christian education director; American Association of University Women, serving as president and in other offices; Psi Iota Xi Sorority; and the Michigan Teachers Association, which she served as secretary and representative for Region 4. Her hobbies included music, flower

arrangements and sewing.

Mrs. Wakenight was born Nov. 5, 1942, in New London, Ohio, to Alfred and Clara (Ketchum) Copley.

She married Ramar "Whitey" Wakenight on Aug. 17, 1968, in Anderson. He died Dec. 16, 1999.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Trent and Lisa Wakenight of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a daughter, Tristana Wakenight of Marshall; one granddaughter, Shelby Suyama Wakenight; a sister, Joyce Heichel of LaPorte; a brother, John Copley of New London, and an aunt, Eleanor Ketchum of Pennsylvania.

Services were held Sunday in the Marshall United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Len Schoenherr officiating.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Hospice, Marshall United Methodist Church, or Gordon Elementary School.

Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Michael C. Davis, 43, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SHIPSHEWANA — Sylvia L. Fleck, 96, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Betty Holley, 74, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Howard Baral

FREMONT — Howard Baral, 85, of Lake George, died Tuesday, April 3, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Baral was a mechanical engineer for Magnavox in Fort Wayne and retired in 1977 after 41 years of service. He was a member of the Magnavox Management Club, the Magnavox Foreman's Club, the Magnavox Quarter Century Club, Wayne Lodge No. 25 F&AM of Fort Wayne, the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Angola Elks Lodge 2398, and the Fremont Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 2387. He attended Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

He was born Oct. 25, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Martin E. and Freida (Berghorn) Baral.

Surviving are two sons, Fredrick L. of Fremont, and Donald E. of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth B. (Chandler) Baral, on Sept. 10, 1993.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a graveside committal service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Chapel of the Woods at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch of Peace Lutheran Church will officiate.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Memorials are to the Red Cross or Peace Lutheran Church.

James Wendel Sr.

FORT WAYNE — James W. Wendel Sr., 75, died Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wendel was employed with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1975. He was born in Coldwater, Ohio, and formerly lived in Garrett. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Leo United Methodist Church, the 112th Infantry Regiment Association and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Surviving him are his wife, Alice L.; a son, James Wendel Jr. of Garrett; a daughter, Brenda J. Leeper of Fort Wayne; a brother, Laverne Wendel of St. Mary's, Ohio; three sisters, Mildred Bomholt of Celina, Ohio, Jeanette Raudabaugh of St. Mary's, and Mary Ann Greaney of Prairie DuSac, Wis.; three grandchildren, Tawnie Miller of

Spencerville and Kim and Nikole Gillie, both of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Jack Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — Jack N. Kammerer, 56, of rural Kendallville, died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born June 17, 1943, in Kendallville to Arthur and Aneta (Antrup) Kammerer. On Oct. 30, 1964, in Kendallville, he married Betty L. Beckwith. She survives.

Mr. Kammerer was owner of Jack's Welding. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Eagles Lodge 541 in Butler.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Melinda and Denis Oster, and Monica Kammerer, all of Kendallville, and Dawn Kammerer of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Laura Kammerer of Kendallville; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathy and Marion Becker of Kendallville, and Jean and James Huffman of Wheaton, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Pam Kammerer of Kendallville; six granddaughters, Sosha Kammerer, Amanda Oster, Amber Oster, Andrea Oster and Tristan Kammerer, all of Kendallville, and Destynie Bellinger of Hudson; and two grandsons, Nathan Yoder of Kendallville, and Brandon Jones of Topeka.

A son, Mark Allen Kammerer, and a brother, Donald Kammerer, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School.

Boyd Campbell

AUBURN — Boyd Campbell, 67, of Auburn, was killed Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in an auto accident.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Ray Stutzman, 73, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — Barbara B. Dull, 53, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

KIMMELL — Alice Beers, 91, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joe D. Fugate, 59, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling hours pending.

Deaths/Funerals

Ronald Parker

WATERLOO — Ronald L. Parker, 47, died Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 9 a.m. at his home on Rope Street in Waterloo.

He worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for the past five years, and formerly worked for County Line Cheese Co. for 22 years.

Mr. Parker was born Aug. 26, 1952, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Richard L. and Dessie (Kindig) Parker. His mother survives in Waterloo and his father is deceased.

He married Christy Wisner on Feb. 15, 1975, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Stephen of Auburn, and David and Benjamin, both at home; and two grandchildren, Caitlynn and Coby Parker.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, Auburn.

Wanda Halte

CORUNNA — Wanda J. Halte, 71, died on the morning of Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at her sister's home in Corunna.

She was a homemaker and member of the Leo Apostolic Christian Church.

She was born June 21, 1928, in Fort Wayne to John and Maudie (Smith) Greuter.

Surviving her are two sisters, Ruth Garman of Corunna and Alice Thompson of St. Joe; a brother, John Greuter of Harlan; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Leo Apostolic Christian Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Lynn and Marvin Stieglitz will officiate.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Gateway Woods Children's Home of Leo, or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 722, Auburn.

Boyd Campbell

AUBURN — Boyd Campbell, 67, of Auburn, died at 11:47 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, following a traffic accident.

He was born July 30, 1932, in Albion to Charley and Gertrude L. (Smith) Campbell. His father preceded him in death. Her mother survives in Kendallville. On Aug. 17, 1970, in Fairchance, Pa., he married Helen Blair. She survives in Auburn.

Mr. Campbell, a graduate of Avilla High School, moved from the Albion area to DeKalb County in 1970. He was a retired maintenance worker for St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 246, Albion, and the Michiana Farm Toy Collector's Club.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles E. Campbell and Michael W. Campbell, both of Kendallville; four daughters, Mrs. Jeffery (Rena J.) Schumm of Kendallville, Mrs. Steve (Barbara) Boyer of Waterloo, Mrs. Dennis (Brenda S.) Rickman of Garrett, and Kimberly Smith of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Stadtfield of Albion; and two brothers, Harold Campbell and Jimmy Campbell of Arco, Idaho.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 246, Albion.

Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Lucy Whirledge, 70, died Sunday. Private family services were held in Kendallville Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Janice Carper

GARRETT — Janice A. Carper, 60, died today, April 7, 2000, at 8 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 40 years. She was a member of the Auburn Women's Bowling Association, Fort Wayne Umpires Association, Pythian Sisters Lodge in Garrett, and Rieke Athletic League. She was an avid Purdue fan.

She was born July 19, 1939, in Auburn to Lloyd Clayton and Thelma B. (Zonker) Carper. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a brother, Eugene Carper of Auburn; a long-time companion, Kathy Van Allen of Garrett; two nephews, Bob Carper and Kevin Carper, both of Auburn; and two nieces, Debbie Jordan of Bryan, Ohio, and Jeni Carper of Auburn.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Norman Roby

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Norman E. Roby, 68, died Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at his St. Petersburg home.

He was an inspector at Trim Trends in Bryan, Ohio, and a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges in Ohio. He was born in Rushsylvania, Ohio.

Surviving him are his wife, Arlene M. Towne; nine sons, Matt Diefenbach of St. Petersburg, Raymond E. Roby of Galen, Kan., James A. Roby, Calvin Lee Roby and John J. Roby, all of Butler, Powell Towne and Stan Towne Jr., both of Bryan, and Timothy McClain and Robert A. McClain, both of Bellefontaine, Ohio; four daughters, Edna Matthews of St. Petersburg, Tammi Jo Van Dyke of Butler, Norma Manning of Jack-

(The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided to The Evening Star).

Jack Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — Jack N. Kammerer, 56, of rural Kendallville, died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born June 17, 1943, in Kendallville to Arthur and Aneta (Antrup) Kammerer. On Oct. 30, 1964, in Kendallville, he married Betty L. Beckwith. She survives.

Mr. Kammerer was owner of Jack's Welding. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Eagles Lodge 541 in Butler.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Melinda and Denis Oster, and Monica Kammerer, all of Kendallville, and Dawn Kammerer of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Laura Kammerer of Kendallville; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathy and Marion Becker of Kendallville, and Jean and James Huffman of Wheaton, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Pam Kammerer of Kendallville; five granddaughters, Sosha Kammerer, Amanda Oster, Amber Oster and Andrea Oster, all of Kendallville, and Destynie Bellinger of Hudson; and three grandsons, Tristan Kammerer and Nathan Yoder, both of Kendallville, and Brandon Jones of Topeka.

A son, Mark Allen Kammerer, and a brother, Donald Kammerer, preceded him in death.

Services were held at 2 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School.

sonville, Ark., and Sandy Reid of Springfield, Ohio; one brother, Alvin Roby of Bellefontaine; two sisters, Ladema Van Grandy of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Mary Roby of Bellefontaine; 59 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Blount, Curry & Roel Funeral Home Memorial Park Chapel, St. Petersburg. Burial will be in the Memorial Park mausoleum.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Merlin Bailey

FREMONT — Merlin W. "Jake" Bailey, 79, of Fremont, died Thursday, April 6, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Bailey, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, was a retired road construction employee. He enjoyed and raised horses.

He was born Sept. 20, 1920, in Henry, S.D., to George W. and Minnie (Merrill) Bailey.

On Dec. 28, 1957, in Davidson, Mich., he married Barbara L. (McMahon) Bailey. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Winona and John Nelson of Fremont, Sonia and Brian Howe of Angola, and Rachelle Bailey of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin and Jane Bailey of Flushing, Mich., and Gregory Bailey of Angola; four sisters, Evelyn Gutting of Morrice, Mich., Lillian Dust of Weberville, Mich., Ellen Makva of Laingsburg, Mich., and Fern Hittle of Owosso, Mich.; three brothers, Alvin Bailey of Knoxville, Tenn., Vernon Bailey of Lansing, Mich., and Marion Bailey of Owosso.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Bailey, in 1999.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Rodger Strong of the Orland Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Luella Whitecotton

AUBURN — Luella R. Whitecotton, 86, died Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at 11:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a stenographer and car tracer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for 20 years. She also served as a cashier for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. for 13 years, retiring in 1977.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Graveside services took place at 9 a.m. today in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. and the Rev. Richard Kraus officiating.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

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Deaths & Funerals

Taylor Jessup

WATERLOO — Taylor Joan Jessup died at 5:58 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2000, shortly after birth at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Sara R. Jessup; a brother, Zachary Armstrong of Waterloo; a grandmother, Margaret Baker; and great-grandparents, Keith and Winifred Baker, all of Waterloo; a great grandmother, Lenora Jessup, of Spencerville; and an uncle, Scott Jessup, of Vestal, N.Y.

A grandfather, Lawrence Jessup, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Mennonite Cemetery, Woodburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Memorials are to SCAN, 3015 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46807.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dawson Paul

LAGRANGE — Dawson G. "Speed" Paul, 86, died at 7 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Paul was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Hubert, N.C., to Newitt and Ernestine (Kitchen) Paul. On Sept. 21, 1940, in Louisville, Ky., he married Myrtle Lucinda Ragan, who survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from Whirlpool Corp., where he had been an inventory manager of six plants.

He was a member of the Eau Claire Community United Church of Christ, the Eau Claire-Sodus Lions Club, a volunteer with the Pipestone-Berrien Townships-Eau Claire-Sodus Lions Clubs, a volunteer with the Pipestone-Berrien Townships-Eau Claire Fire Department, an Eau Claire Village Council member, and a member of the Eau Claire American Legion Post 353.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Kathy Paul of St. Joseph, Mich.; two daughters, Terry Dickson of Jackson, Mich., and Randa Kathleen Nicholson of Sturgis, Mich.; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annie Lane of Plant City, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Eugenia Goff and Maggie Mae Paul, and by one brother, Ernest Paul.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday (10 a.m. Indiana time) at the Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, Mich. Burial with military rites will follow in Eau Claire Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday (1 to 2 p.m. Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eau Claire-Sodus Lions Club.

Deaths/Funerals

LeRoy Schultess

LAGRANGE — LeRoy K. Schultess, 92, a well-known LaGrange attorney, died Saturday, March 8, 2000, in Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

He was born in Garrett May 7, 1907, to George M. and Elizabeth (Lehmbeck) Schulthess. On April 28, 1942, in Plymouth, he married S. Mildred Atwater. She preceded him in death Feb. 24, 1999.

Mr. Schultess came to LaGrange in 1935 from Chicago. He was an attorney at law practicing in LaGrange from 1935 until his death. He graduated from Garrett High School, the University of Michigan in 1929 and Northwestern University School of Law in 1932. He was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association, Sigma Chi Fraternity and Phi Delta Phi.

He was director of Farmers State Bank from 1943-82 and was president of Creek Chub Bait Co. of Garrett from the mid-1960s until the sale of the company in 1978. He was a charter member of the LaGrange Rotary Club, Garrett City Lodge 537 F&A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce, American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and LaGrange County Bar Association.

Mr. Schultess was named 1991 LaGrange County Citizen of the Year, and given the Indiana State Bar Association Centennial Service Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service to the legal profession and his community.

Surviving are three nieces, Judy Ruoff of Fort Wayne, Judy Newcomer of LaGrange, and Betty Chestnutwood of Westfield Center, Ohio; a nephew, Gregory Atwater of Vermilion, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Julia Schulthess of Garrett; and a brother-in-law, Paul Atwater of Howe; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard Schulthess and Fredrick Schulthess; and two sisters, Auliene Moore and Mildred Schulthess.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Linhart officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home where Masonic services will be held at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to LaGrange Rotary Club and LaGrange County Community Foundation or the Garrett Historical Society.

James Bavin

BUTLER — James "Jimmy" Bavin, 50, died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at 4:25 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Bavin was born Oct. 2, 1949, in Angola to Charles and Irma (Fuleki) Bavin. His father died April 12, 1967, and his mother died Feb. 28, 2000.

Surviving him are two sisters, Delores Babcock of Knoxville, Tenn., and Nancy Staley of Hamilton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Special Olympics.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — Roy E. Hooley, 92, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shippshewana, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

SHIPSHEWANA — Jacob H. Schwartz, 62, died Sunday at 11:26 a.m. after suffering an apparent heart attack at church. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — Norma J. "Toots" Joy Marks, 69, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

COLUMBIA CITY — Barbara E. Pearson, 67, died Sunday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Wilson

WATERLOO — Mary L. Wilson, 79, died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wilson was a homemaker. She was born in Pineville, Ky., to Charles and Betty Elliott.

She married Herbert J. Wilson Sr. on Feb. 21, 1937. He died May 9, 1986.

Surviving her are four sons, William L. Wilson of Kendallville, Andy R. Wilson of Detroit, and Herbert J. Wilson Jr. and Jerry Wilson, both of Auburn; three daughters, Loretta Page of Stroh, and Lynda Piggott and Caroline Sue Prucinsky, both of Wawaka; one brother, Bruce Elliott of Pineville; one sister, Cora Simson of Pineville; 27 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter, two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Geraldine Lepley

HUDSON — Geraldine M. Lepley, 98, of rural Hudson, died at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Jackson Township, Steuben County, Dec. 10, 1901, to Ross and Blanche (Weaver) Courtright. On April 19, 1924, she married Sheldon B. Lepley. He preceded her in death Dec. 20, 1983.

Mrs. Lepley, a homemaker, was a lifetime Steuben County resident. She was a graduate of Salem Center High School, and a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church. She was past treasurer of the ladies aid of the church and a member of the Study Club.

Many nieces and nephews survive.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dick Courtright, in 1984.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Hollister Cemetery, rural Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Dix

ROME CITY — Margaret A. Dix, 87, of Rome City, died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Rome City.

An Angola native, Mrs. Dix retired in 1975 after 25 years at Powers Hamburgers.

Her husband, Lawrence Dix, preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Bowden of Lake Worth, Fla., and Esther Rumpff of Woodburn; a sister, Dimple Edison of California; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 Ind. 37, Harlan. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Covenant Christian Center or Auburn Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Mary Genevieve Parker, 89, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Indianapolis.

Victor Wall

ORLAND — Victor Earl Wall, 85, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Steuben County, died Monday in Tucson.

Mr. Wall was retired after working as a projectionist for various movie theaters.

He was born April 19, 1914, in Elkhart to Victor Roscoe and Sina M. (Stout) Wall.

On Aug. 25, 1944, he married Lois E. (Miller) Wall, who survives in Tucson.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Harriet Wall of Angola; three nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is at the funeral home prior to Monday's service.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jackie Wise

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Jackie D. (Browning) Wise, 53, died at her home in Las Vegas on Saturday,

April 8, 2000.

She was born March 31, 1947, in Indianapolis and graduated from Auburn High School in 1965. She was a senior data specialist for Bechtel Corp. and a 34-year resident of Las Vegas.

She is survived by her loving companion, Robert Gibson; a son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Melissa; one grandchild; one brother; Ron Browning of Las Vegas; stepdaughters Carol of Lemoore, Calif. and Cathy of Tempe, Ariz.; and stepsons; David of Fairfax, Va. and Rob of North Las Vegas.

Affordable Cremation & Burial Service of Las Vegas handled the arrangements.

The family requests memorial donations to Candlelighters of Southern Nevada.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Leona M. Crist, 81, died Wednesday. Private graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8326 Covington Road. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — Jimmie F. Melvin, 63, died Tuesday. Services were today in Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Florence Clark

PLEASANT LAKE — Florence A. Clark, 81, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday, April 13, 2000, in her home.

Mrs. Clark was a homemaker. She moved to Pleasant Lake from Lima, Ohio, seven years ago. She was a member of the Lima Church of Christ and graduated from high school in Deshler, Ohio.

She was born March 7, 1919, in Miller City, Ohio, to William and Elizabeth (Perky) King.

On May 17, 1939, she married Robert M. Clark, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert H. Clark of Angola, and Garry W. Clark of Port Richey, Fla.; two brothers, George King of North Baltimore, Ohio, and William King of Bowling Green, Ohio; three sisters, Erma Gill of Perrysburg, Ohio, Helen Emihiser of North Baltimore, Ohio, and Mary McLaughlain of Elmore, Ohio; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy Green and Ina Erford, and a brother, Elwood King.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Don Mettert Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Don H. Mettert Sr., 74, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Mettert was a truck driver for Central Supply for 25 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of American Legion Post 499. His hobbies were fishing and reading.

He was born Jan. 28, 1926, in Fremont.

Surviving him are his wife, Helen; two daughters, Sandra Camp and Linda Cox, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Larry Mettert of Middletown, Md., and Don H. Mettert Jr. of Fort Wayne; one brother, Franklin Mettert of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One son, Paul Mettert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland

Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the American Heart Association.

Harold Walker

ST. JOE — Harold A. Walker, 84, of St. Joe, died Thursday, April 13, 2000, in Wesley Healthcare at Auburn.

Mr. Walker was an evangelist for 60 years. He was born Aug. 5, 1915, in Detroit.

He is survived by five sisters, Sharon Runyan of Fort Wayne, Jean Priestley of Waterford, Mich., Shirley Kaiser of Auburn, Delores of Fort Wayne and Sandy Fry of Florida; and three brothers, Jack of Waterford, Mich., Lawrence of Oxford, Mich., and Bob of Auburn.

One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Merlo

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Joyce Beekman Friend Merlo, 56, of Kissimmee, Fla., and formerly of Orland and Angola, died Monday, April 10, 2000, in her residence.

She was born Jan. 6, 1944, to Lawrence and Opal (Cope) Beekman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Angola. She married Chuck Merlo, who survives in Kissimmee.

Mrs. Merlo, a 1961 graduate of a beautician school in Detroit, Mich., had lived in this area nearly 30 years. She was a homemaker and a self-employed beautician.

Also surviving are a son, Tony Friend of Orland; three sisters, Jeanne A. Edwards of Wolcottville, Judy Hart of Fort Wayne, and Janet McPherson of Polk City, Fla.; two brothers, Michael Beekman of Coldwater, Mich.; and two nieces, Jessica Holliday of LaGrange, and Robin Burnhart of Brushy Prairie.

There will be no services or calling.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Grace M. Barcus, 96, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — Robert K. Sedgwick, 81, died Wednesday. Services Saturday in Bayonet Point, Fla.

LIGONIER — Margaret Chrisman died Jan. 4, 2000. Graveside memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

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Area Deaths

BLUE LAKE — Thelma A. Stantz, 81, a resident of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died Thursday. There will be no services or calling.

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Ray Hoyer

HELMER — Ray Hoyer, 84, died Friday, April 14, 2000, at 3:20 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where he was a patient for one week.

He was born in Pleasant Lake on June 13, 1915, to Hayes and Emma (Dayhuff) Hoyer. He married Margaret Sherrick in Auburn on Nov. 20, 1935. She died May 9, 1993.

Mr. Hoyer was a 1934 graduate of Salem Center High School, then moved to Helmer. He operated the Hoyer Home Store for 51 years before retiring in 1988. He was also postmaster at the Helmer Post Office until he retired in 1980, and was awarded the Outstanding Service to the Government Award for 38 years in the postal service. He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Joseph and Beverly Leitch of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kelly L. and Susan Hoyer and Kevin R. and Ava Hoyer, both of Anchorage, Alaska, and Bill L. and Nora Hoyer of Nerand Queensland, Australia; two sisters, his twin, Fae Silver of Stroh, and Zema Berlien of Angola; one brother, Jay Hoyer of Angola; one sister-in-law, Wanda Ziebell of Angola; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Agape Day Care Center, Stroh Church of Christ or Kendallville Youth Baseball, care of the Kendallville Parks Department.

A. Marjorie Hawkins

WINONA LAKE — A. Marjorie Hawkins, 86, died Saturday, April 15, 2000, at 8:25 a.m. in Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake.

Mrs. Hawkins was a homemaker. She was born in Kendallville on March 12, 1914,

to Henry and Versa (Brown) Runge. She married Hubert C. Hawkins on Nov. 12, 1934, in Kendallville. He died in September 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara King of Warsaw; one son, Dennis Hawkins of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Errol C. Hawkins.

Private services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw, with Pastor Neal Wonnacott officiating.

Calling is one hour before the service in the funeral home.

Billy Logan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Billy Lamar Logan, 73, died Friday, April 14, 2000, at his residence in Wolcottville after an extended illness.

He was born in Goshen on April 17, 1926, to Ronald Hugh and Chloe (Wilson) Logan. He married Patricia Ann Dickerson in Wolcottville June 6, 1948. She survives.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and worked as a farmer and roofer. He attended the Church of the Stone in Rome City.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy A. and Donald Himes of Wolcottville; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald L. and Brenda Logan of Wolcottville; two sisters, Edith Jane Miller of Elkhart and Henrietta Wells of Angola; one brother, Hugh A. Logan of Elkhart; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike Stanley, pastor of the Church of the Stone, officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. until the funeral service.

Grace Johnson

HAMILTON — Grace E. Johnson, 84, died Friday at 4:30 a.m. in Seven Rivers Hospital, Crystal River, Fla.

She was born in Allen County on April 26, 1915, to Lewis and Louie (Wright) Margardt. She married Robert E. Johnson on Jan. 11, 1937. He survives.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler. She was a very active school volunteer, room mother and past president of the Parent Teachers Association, past president of the Garden Club in Hamilton, member of Hamilton Rebecca Lodge and Hamilton Pythian Sisters Lodge.

She is survived by three sons, Kenneth E. Johnson of Yoder, Cecil M. Johnson of Hamilton and Rex L. Johnson of Butler; one sister, Helen Whitley of Los Angeles; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

Deaths/Funerals

Doris Lengacher

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Doris Jean Lengacher, 66, died Sunday morning in Sarasota, Fla.

Mrs. Lengacher was a homemaker and a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church in Leo-Cedarville.

She was born July 27, 1933, in Grabill to Ray and Mary (Smead) Meinerding.

Surviving are her husband, Joe S.; three sons, Mike and Tim, both of Leo, and Jeff of Goshen; one daughter, Pam Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Ray Meinerding of Fort Wayne and Gary Meinerding of Athens, Tenn.; two sisters, Phillis Myers of Huntertown and Bonnie Johnson of Grabill; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the North Leo Mennonite Church of Leo-Cedarville with Pastor Doug Zehr officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in the church.

Memorials are to the Mennonite Central Committee, P.O. Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Boylan

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Helen I. Boylan, 73, of Defiance, died at 1:35 p.m. Friday in Defiance Hospital.

Mrs. Boylan was a homemaker and a former resident of Angola.

She was born Aug. 9, 1926, in Brown County, Ohio, to Virgil and Lulla Mae (Ross) Donovan.

In 1943, she married Charles A. Boylan. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Jimmie

Wagner of Defiance, and Susan and Rick Hutson of Chesapeake, Va.; a son, Charles Boylan Jr. of Arlington, Texas; two sisters, Betty King of Decatur, and Delores Bolenbaugh of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Boylan, and two sisters, Edna and Joanne.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance County.

Calling is from 2-9 p.m. today and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Dean Edward Gangwer**, 88, died Saturday. Service at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there one hour before services.

MILFORD — **Cornelis "Case" den Hartog**, 69, died Sunday. Graveside memorial services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Raymond "Gene" Kile**, 71, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Amos English

BRONSON, Mich. — Amos Sandoz English, 89, of Bronson, died today. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Dorothy E. Bobeck**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alma Leota Bair**, 96, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Amos English

BRONSON, Mich. — Amos Sandoz English, 89, of Bronson, died Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mr. English was a former farmer and foreman for Campbell's Fresh in Brighton.

He was born Nov. 7, 1910, in Quincy, Mich., to Chester and Mary English.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley and Allan Alleshouse of Fremont, and Marlene and Larry Ort of Fremont; three sons, Olen L. English of Angola, Rolland D. English of Fremont, and Irving L. English of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Pauline Ritter of Angola; 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel M. Harbaugh, on June 4, 1989, and by a sister and a brother.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Gary Starkweather

FORT WAYNE — Gary James Starkweather, 33, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday in his home.

A Mishawaka native, Mr. Starkweather was a U.S. Navy veteran and had worked at Little Caesar's Pizza for 10 years.

Surviving are his mother, Pam Bently of Bristol; his father and stepmother, Albert and Bonnie Starkweather of Buchanan, Mich.; a stepfather, Thomas Rosales of Howe; a son, Brandon Starkweather of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Becky Yoder of South Bend; and grandparents, Charles and Ruth Starkweather of Buchanan, and Marceille Gibson of Bristol.

Services were held today at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett where military graveside rites were conducted by American Legion Post 178 of Garrett.

Memorials are to AIDS Task Force Inc., 2124 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne 46807.

Mervin Goebel

EDGERTON, Ohio — Mervin J. Goebel, 72, died Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. in Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, after an illness of several months.

He was employed by Aro Corp. in Bryan, retiring in 1992 after 37 years of service. He also was employed by Air-Way Manufacturing for seven years. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202. He lived in Edgerton.

Mr. Goebel was born Dec. 10, 1927, near Edgerton to Raymond A. and E. Irene (Fritz) Goebel. They preceded him in death.

He married Redith S. Miller on Oct. 8, 1955, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Kolby Goebel of Edgerton, Ohio; four sisters, Dorothy Welch of Detroit, and Evelyn Radabaugh, Nora Goebel and Lorraine Goebel, all of Edgerton; and three grandchildren, Adam, Tony and Abbie Goebel.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will follow in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals of Williams County Home Health Care.

Edith Holifield

KENDALLVILLE — Edith Holifield, 78, of Kendallville, died at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2000, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 26, 1921, in Garrett, Ky., to Alec and Pansy (Brown) Terry. On Aug. 29, 1941, she married Grady Holifield. He preceded her in death July 1, 1995.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Wayne VanAuken of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Grady and Vickie Holifield of Hudson; a stepdaughter, Nadine Kuhn of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Sadie Adkins of Louisville, Ky.; five half-brothers, Elmer Terry, Milford Terry, Delbert Terry, Denzel Terry and Elmine Terry, all of Kendallville; five half-sisters, Correne Green, Donna Manns, Tini Mae Terry and Glenna Manns, all of Kendallville, and Delphi of Hindman, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Delmer Terry; and a half-brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Cecil Phillips, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral

Home, Churubusco, with calling there 6-9 p.m. Thursday and two hours before services on Friday.

HOWE — John C. McKenzie, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Roger Imhoff

BUTLER — Roger T. Imhoff, 60, died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at 6:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He lived in Butler and was a lifetime farmer. He also worked at Eaton Corp. in Auburn, retiring in August 1999 with 25 years of service.

He was a member and elder of the Auburn Church of Christ, and was chairman of the church's board of directors. He served in the U.S. Navy during peacetime.

Mr. Imhoff was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Butler to Theron and Rachel (Casebere) Imhoff. They survive in Auburn.

He married Janet Manon on Oct. 26, 1963, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Steven Rodkey of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Patricia Imhoff of Butler; two brothers, Keith and Kent Imhoff, both of Menlo Park, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlotte and Alger Miller of Butler; and four grandchildren, Benjamin and Allison Rodkey, and Theron and Jon Imhoff.

A brother, Kerry Imhoff, and a sister, Linda Sue Imhoff, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger and John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Bernard Stuller

WATERLOO — Bernard Dale Stuller, 87, died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at 5:10 p.m. in his son's home in Auburn.

He was a former Auburn Automobile Co. employee and worked at the Waterloo Dairy for 20 years. He retired in June 1975 from the Auburn Foundry. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Stuller was born June 6, 1912, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to William Henry and Bertha (Lowe) Stuller.

He married Nancy Drew on Feb. 21, 1931, in Steuben County, and she survives. They were married 69 years.

Also surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, B. Steven and Teresa Stuller of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Julia and Harlen Bolen of Waterloo, Rebecca and Virgil Lanning of White City, Ore., and Rosemary and David Briggs of Butler; 22 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, William; two sisters, Opal Allamonge and his twin, Berniece Read; one brother, Ralph; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter and Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health Services.

Richard Schroeder

FORT WAYNE — Richard Schroeder, 74, died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at his Fort Wayne home.

He was employed with Tokeim Corp. for 11 years, retiring in 1981. He attended the Abbott Street Kingdom Hall, was a volunteer at the VA Hospital, and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was born in Adams County.

Surviving him are two daughters, Rebecca Schmidt of Auburn and Elizabeth Gerardot of Fort Wayne; two sons, John Schroeder of Fort Wayne and James Schroeder of Westfield; his mother, Alvina Schroeder of Ossian; three sisters, Evelyn Ostermey of Decatur, Wilma Taylor of Tampa, Fla., and Darlene Huffman of Sebastian, Fla.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the VA Hospital Volunteer Program.

Vada Jackson

PEORIA, Ariz. — Vada E. Jackson, 87, of Peoria, died Saturday, April 15, 2000, at her residence.

She moved to Arizona in September from Angola.

Mrs. Jackson, a homemaker, was a member of the Steuben County Church of Christ and attended Pleasant Lake Methodist Church. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Tote Club.

She was born May 27, 1912, in Millgrove Township, Steuben County, to Thomas M. and Helen (Robbins) Woods.

Surviving are her husband, Howard E. Jackson, of Angola; two sons, William Thomas Harter of Clayton, and Richard Dean Harter of Angola; a daughter, Phyllis Surfus Rozell of Peoria; and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Maynard Harter, in 1953, and by two sisters, Vivian L. Krieder of Elkhart and Thelma I. Ferris.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Idris Ohlwine

CHURUBUSCO — Idris C. "Dutch" Ohlwine, 93, a former Churubusco businessman, died at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000, in Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since January.

He was born May 26, 1906, in Noble County to Homer S. and Amanda I. "Minnie" (Tucker) Ohlwine. On July 11, 1934, he married Lois Fey. She preceded him in death Dec. 21, 1976.



Ohlwine

Mr. Ohlwine grew up and was educated in Noble County. He was owner/operator of Ohlwine Radio and TV in Churubusco for more than 40 years. He also worked as a maintenance electrician at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 24 years, retiring from there in 1966. Following his retirement, he was employed in the maintenance department of Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City for five years.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Esther Sherman of Arcola, Carol and Lee Pontius of Auburn, Jane and Larry Poinsett of Fort Wayne, and Darlene and Cory Houser of Wolf Lake; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Homer M. and Eleanor Ohlwine of Fort Wayne, Herbert and Joyce Ohlwine and Bruce and Sue Ohlwine, all of Churubusco, and Larry Ohlwine of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Betty Ohlwine of Skinner Lake, Albion; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia Ohlwine of Indianapolis, Bessie Hentzel of Kokomo, Martha Treesh of Kendallville, and Mary and Wilmer Leitch of Albion; his former wife, Leila Conner of Churubusco; 29 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Sallie Ross

GARRETT — Sallie E. Ross, 101, died Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 4:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Ross was born Aug. 17, 1898, in Jasper County, Miss., to Henry and Laura (Blackman) Nelson.

She married Jesse Ross on Aug. 20, 1918, in Hattisburg, Miss. He died Dec. 14, 1931.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert C. and



Ross

Nancy Ross of Aurora, Ill., and Harold W. and Sue Ross of Lafayette, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in First Baptist Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is today from 4-7 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Two sisters, Maude Rollins and Marie Roberson; and five brothers, Charles, Oscar, Ivan, John and Harold Ohlwine, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christ-ian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and

one hour before services on Monday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Loyce Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Loyce Dean Hicks, 56, died Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at his Kendallville home.

She was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Hicks was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Hickory Ridge, Ark., to James William and Florence Ellen (Hinderson) Dunivan.

She married Hance Hicks on Dec. 13, 1980, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Beverly Walda of Columbia City, Loretta Rollins and Deborah Maser, both of Kendallville, and Belinda Schroeder of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Donna McGowan of Jacksonville, Fla.; two stepsons, Eugene Hicks of Jacksonville and John Hicks of Eutitville, S.C.; three brothers, Boyce Dunivan of Cash, Ark., Morris Dunivan of Jackson Port, Ark., and Jess Dunivan of

Tuckerman, Ark.; one sister, Joyce Guffey of Jackson Port, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Ada Belle Hile, 70, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie Arehart, 90, died Thursday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Gertrude Campbell

ALBION — Gertrude I. Campbell, 87, died Friday, April 21, 2000, at Extenda-Care in Kendallville.

Mrs. Campbell was a farm wife and an Albion resident since 1930.

She was born Oct. 28, 1912, in South Bend to Noah and Hazel (Wagner) Smith. She married Charley Campbell Nov. 16, 1939, in

South Bend, and he preceded her in death in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Harold and Jimmie Campbell, both of Arco, Idaho; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Stadtfeld of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Helen Campbell of Auburn; two sisters, Peg Puffer and Hazel Derhing, both of Buchanan, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and two great-great

grandchildren.

Two sons, Boyd and Walter Campbell, and two sisters, Loretta Nickerson and Cora Mae Enders, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Hubert Harri-man officiating. Calling will be Monday in the funeral home from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m.

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Sunday, April 23, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Stephen Seelig

LAGRANGE — Stephen D. Seelig, 47, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at his home in LaGrange.

Mr. Seelig worked at Lake Park Industries in Shipshewana and had lived in LaGrange County his entire life. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born Aug. 19, 1952, in LaGrange to Lester W. and Alberta L. (Mireley) Seelig.

Surviving are his mother, two sisters, Victoria Bateman-Coleman of Columbus and Debra Schlemmer of LaGrange and two brothers, William of Howe and Michael of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Calling will be Tuesday in the funeral home from 5-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenwood

Cemetery, LaGrange, with military graveside services performed by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Celia Rehling

KENDALLVILLE — Celia M. Rehling, 101, died Saturday, April 22, 2000, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Rehling was a homemaker and belonged to the Eagles of Ligonier and the Fish and Gun Club of Hamilton.

She was born April 11, 1899, in Carlos, Ind., to Alonzo and Rettie (Johnson) Wysong. She married Richard Rehling in 1934 and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Herrick of Wolcottville, and a stepson, Richard Rehling, of Wolf Lake.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling will be from noon to 1:30

p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for Dorothy Bobeck, 94, were held in the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home on Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 3 p.m. with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial was in the Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Justin Richendollar, Jim Richendollar, Brett Richendollar, Jason Harris, Brian Bobeck, and Fern Christner.

LIGONIER — Graveside memorial services for Cornelis denHartog, 69, were held in the Oak Park Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday April 22, 2000, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating.

Deaths/Funerals

Ronald McCreery

BRONSON, Mich. — Ronald V. McCreery, 57, of Bronson, died Sunday, April 23, 2000, at Battle Creek Health Systems Hospital, Battle Creek.

Mr. McCreery was warehouse manager at American Fiberit Inc., Battle Creek, and a former human resource manager at LaGrange Products Inc., Fremont.

He enjoyed stamp collecting and Civil War memorabilia.

He was born Feb. 14, 1943, in Jackson, Mich., to Robert and Estell (Husker) McCreery.

On Aug. 30, 1980, in Howe, he married Glenna L. (Wilcox) McCreery, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Doug Balle of Centreville, Mich.; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Allen and Shelly McCreery of Centreville, Mark Huff of Sturgis, Mich., Rod and Melissa Huff of Fremont, and Dwight McCreery of Bronson; a sister, Pam Bertva of Paw Paw, Mich.; two brothers, Robert McCreery of Indianapolis, and Reg McCreery of Middlebury; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Makey.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Paul Delmark and the Rev. Bill Romans officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Bronson.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

This obituary is being republished to correct information published in Friday's edition.

Loyce Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Loyce Dean Hicks, 56, died Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at her Kendallville home.

She was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Hicks was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Hickory Ridge, Ark., to James William and Ellen Florence (Henderson) Dunivan.

She married Hance Hicks on Dec. 13, 1980, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Beverly Walda of Columbia City, Loretta Rollins and Deborah Maser, both of Kendallville, and Belinda Schroeder of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Donna McGowen of Jacksonville, Fla.; two stepsons, Eugene Hicks of Jacksonville and John Hicks of Eutitville, S.C.; three brothers, Boyce Dunivan of Cash, Ark., Morris Dunivan of Jackson Port, Ark., and Jess Dunivan of Tuckerman, Ark.; one sister, Joyce Guffey of Jackson Port, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Mary Beth Jennings, 91, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

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Warren J. Fitch

Fort Wayne

Warren J. Fitch, 71, of Fort Wayne, who had been a consumer affairs manager with Magnavox, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired from Magnavox in 1980 after 21 years with the company.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; daughters Cathy Wies of Montana and Carol Lockwood of Churubusco; sons John of Fort Wayne and Larry of Garrett; a sister, Maxine Ober of Florida; and 12 grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, where calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home
1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.

Deaths/Funerals

Marieda Wilhoff

WATERLOO — Marieda M. Wilhoff, 57, died Sunday, April 23, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wilhoff worked in the medical records department at DeKalb Home Health Care in DeKalb County for five years. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 7, 1942, in Evansville to Raleigh A. and Marie Garrison.

She married Steve Wilhoff on Nov. 29, 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving her are three daughters, Tammy Sanderson of Fort Wayne, Cheryl Hoops of Auburn and Shelly Baker of Hamilton; one son, Steve Wilhoff Jr. of New Haven; two brothers, Nolan Garrison of Florida and Rick Garrison of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eileen Bosse of Hamilton, Noreen Nelson of Evansville and Linda Clayborne of Bristol; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lighthouse Christian Church, P.O. Box 13333, Fort Wayne IN 46868.

Naomi Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Naomi Ethyl (Dahlstrom) Johnson, 94, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, April 17, 2000, at Covington Manor, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson, a homemaker, formerly lived in Norfolk, Neb., Indianapolis, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., and Green Lake, Wis. She was the wife of a congregational minister and was active with the church committees and the P.E.O. She retired with her husband in Mercer, Wis., and most recently lived in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of Austin High School in Chicago and Beloit College, where she majored in education. She was a member of the Pi Beta Sorority in college.

She was born Feb. 26, 1906, in Chicago to Harold H. and Blanche (Mitchel) Dahlstrom.

In 1931, she married the Rev. Marcus W. Johnson, who preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas M. Johnson of Fremont, and David M. Johnson of Mount Clemens, Mich.; a sister, Mary Lou Hall of Milwaukee; and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with Father E. Brian Carsten officiating. Crema-

tion will follow.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans of the Cross or to a church memorial fund of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Raymond "Crow" Hicks**, 67, died at 12:31 p.m. Sunday. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

TOPEKA — **Lydia Ann Miller**, 97, died at 11:45 p.m. Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Ora L. Miller residence, 4385W — 300S, Topeka, with calling there after 6 p.m. today and all day Wednesday.

News Sentinel

James W. Wendel Sr.

Fort Wayne

James W. Wendel Sr., 75, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

The Coldwater, Ohio, native retired in 1975 from International Harvester Co., was a member of Leo United Methodist Church, 112th Infantry Regiment Association, American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Alice L.; a son, James W. Jr. of Garrett; a daughter, Brenda J. Leeper of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lav-
erne of St. Marys, Ohio; sisters Mildred Bomholt of Celina, Ohio, Jeanette Raudabaugh of St. Marys, Ohio, and Mary Ann Greaney of Prairie DuSac, Wis.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 3 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling from noon until services. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, 426-9494.



Deaths/Funerals

Ardis Rozell

ANGOLA — Ardis Kathleen Rozell, 97, a lifetime Angola resident, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Rozell was a public school teacher and taught at York, Hamilton, Brushy Prairie and Scott Center in Indiana and at Bronson in Michigan. She was a member of the Metz Christian Church, Friendship Bible Club and the Questors. She graduated from Metz High School, Tri-State College and St. Francis College.

She was born Nov. 22, 1902, in Metz to Edward and Viola (Dunham) Hand.

On June 18, 1925, she married Leon Rozell, who preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1950.

Surviving are a son, Roy Rozell of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Alvin Covell of Frankton; six grandchildren, Christine Kirk, Denise Jerger, Charles, Jim and Bill Covell, and Carol Sims; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Pauline Hand of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Rockey; four brothers, Dunham, Kenneth, Ted and Donald Hand; a granddaughter, Carolyn Covell; a grandson, James Jerger; and a daughter-in-law, Carol Rozell.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Greg Essex and the Rev. Alvin Covell

officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Metz Christian Church.

Gertrude Austin

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude L. (McDermott) Austin, 96, of Kendallville, died at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, in her residence.

She was born June 6, 1903, in Durand, Mich., to William and Myrtie Mae (VanAuken) Riley. On June 23, 1922, she married J.C. McDermott, who preceded her in death Nov. 22, 1962. On Sept. 16, 1967, she married Grant Austin and he preceded her in death Feb. 12, 1982.

Mrs. Austin was a retired secretary for Bay Village High School in Bay Village, Ohio. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Stroh and a former member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and Order of the Eastern Star in Rocky River, Ohio.

Surviving are a son, Jerry L. McDermott of Hudson; two sisters, Maxine Gellalty of Cape Coral, Fla., and Jenny Hughs of Michigan; three grandchildren, William McDermott of Seattle, Wash., and Jenny K. McDermott and Jeffrey McDermott, both of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Ian, Brian and Elyse McDermott, all of Seattle,

Jennifer, Emily and Mary McDermott, all of Indianapolis, and Heather McDermott of Fort Wayne; and one stepgreat-grandchild, Sara Hillard of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. (Michigan time) Friday in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Mich. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Richard Welches**, 57, died Monday. Services at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with calling at the funeral home three hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Marilyn Dowidat

ANGOLA — Marilyn R. Dowidat, 73, of Angola, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dowidat was retired from her career as a dietary clerk at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

She was born Aug. 27, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio, to George A. and Gertrude (Dart) Timpe.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Bowles of Edon, Ohio, and Irene Wilsey of Fremont; a son, Richard H. Dowidat of Angola; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Dowidat, in 1971.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Dave Cole officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mable Kocher

STROH — Mable J. Kocher, 89, of Stroh, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Barbara Place

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — Barbara R. Place, 77, died Monday, April 24, 2000, at 7:35 a.m. at Roselawn Manor in Spencerville, Ohio.

Mrs. Place was an elementary school teacher for 27 years, having taught in the Wapakoneta City, Mount Gilead and Tiffin schools. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wapakoneta and the Auglaize County Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of the A.A.U.W. and Woman's Club, both of Tiffin. She graduated from Ohio Northern University with a bachelor's degree in education and later received her master's degree from Bowling Green State University. She lived in rural Wapakoneta.

She was born Jan. 27, 1923, in Danville, Ohio, to William and Rosa (Hammond) Durbin. They preceded her in death.

She married Ned W. Place on Feb. 24, 1943, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Mark Henry of Auburn; Sandra and Robert Kattman of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; Cynthia and Aaron Hossler of Tiffin; and Stephanie and John Frederick of Worthington, Ohio; one son, Milton J. Place of Medina, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wapakoneta, with the Rev. Peter Chiodo officiating. Burial will be in Fort Amanda Cemetery in Auglaize County.

Calling is today from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta. A prayer service will be held tonight at 7:30 (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the College of Education at Ohio Northern University.

Marvin Mynhier

LAGRANGE — Marvin O. Mynhier, 79, of rural LaGrange, died at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1920, in Okmalgee, Okla., to Milburn and Laura (Frisby) Mynhier. On May 31, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio, her married Lillian "Jill" (Halsey) Mynhier. She survives.

Mr. Mynhier, nearly a lifetime resident of LaGrange county, was retired from Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Mich. He was a member of Stroh Church of God, a charter member of the Stroh Lions Club and Milford Township Advisory Board. He had served on the Stroh Fire Department for 42 years.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ernie (Cinda) Elkins of LaGrange; two sisters, Mildred McHugh of Las Cruces, N.M., and Dorena Davis of LaGrange; a brother, Harold Mynhier of Pleasant Lake; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Wyatt; and four brothers, Frank, Earl, Oscar and Robert Mynhier.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Lloyd Jury officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of God or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Charles W. Brendel, 91, died Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin E. "Gene" Brown, 66, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Christian Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Estelene Mauk

AUBURN — Estelene L. Mauk, 80, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 1:31 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mauk retired in 1983 as the cafeteria manager at DeKalb High School. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was born Feb. 28, 1920, in Huntington to Daron and Zelma (Veiter) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold D. Mauk on Sept. 13, 1937, in Auburn. He died in April 1998.

Surviving her are two daughters, Ginger Dettmer of Auburn and Betty Tuggle of Crossville, Tenn.; two brothers, Richard Brown of Fort Wayne and Wayne Brown of Camden, Mich.; three sisters, Maxine Knepper and Bernice Wasnich, both of Pioneer, Ohio, and Virginia Lautermilch of Camden; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One daughter, Phyllis Mauk, and two brothers, Carl and Arthur, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Memorials are to the church or the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.



Mauk

Patrick Penland

FORT WAYNE — Patrick Penland, 42, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the manager of Penland Auto Parts, Auburn, and lived on Bayberry Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Penland was born April 5, 1958, in Auburn to Harvey and Barbara (Gillingham) Penland. His father survives in Auburn and his mother survives in Garrett.

Surviving him are one son, Justin Penland of Auburn; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Beth Ann and Jerry Singleton of Auburn, Kim Sue Penland of Fort Wayne, and Gay Lynn Penland of Auburn; and a companion, Linda Salisbury of Fort Wayne, and her daughter, Terra.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Vicar Andrew Hart of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Transplant Patient Assistance Fund in care of Lutheran Hospital or the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Barbara Brinkman

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Jean Ziegler Brinkman, 67, of Kendallville, died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2000, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center. She had been in failing health the past 2 1/2 weeks.

She was born in Fort Wayne July 3, 1932, to William and Margaret (Walter) Brinkman Sr., and she had lived in Rome City and Hudson before moving to Kendallville Manor 2 1/2 years ago.

Surviving are two sisters, Carolyn Whetzel of Hudson, and Grace Rhea of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, William Brinkman Jr. of Rome City and James Rex Brinkman of Monticello.

Services will be held at noon Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins

Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Calling is from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Memorials are to Kendallville Manor

Alfred Krontz

BLAKESLEE, Ohio — Alfred D. "Bud" Krontz, 78, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 6:03 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

He retired as a molder for General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, with 30 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1942 to 1945. He lived in Blakeslee, Ohio, and was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Krontz was born July 2, 1921, in Butler to Delbert and Hazel (Mock) Krontz.

He married Bonnie Rickard on Nov. 28, 1942, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter

and son-in-law, Pat and Larry Shutt of Auburn; one son, Buddy Krontz of Edon, Ohio; three brothers, Clayton Krontz of Arizona, Floyd Krontz of Butler and Kenny Krontz of Florida; three sisters, Sadie Hug in Arizona, Alice Houlton of Auburn and Joann Wehmer of Hammond; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Sharon Pfefferkorn, one brother, and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Minister Ronald Miller officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with graveside military rites by Edon American Legion Post 662 and John D. Smith American Legion Post 10 of Edgerton.

Calling is Saturday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home. Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mable Kocher

STROH — Mable J. Kocher, 89, of Stroh, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Metz, Steuben County, on June 17, 1910, to Elmer and Ollie (Gundrum) Smith. On March 20, 1934, she married Chester D. Kocher. He preceded her in death April 15, 1985.

Mrs. Kocher, a lifetime Stroh resident, worked for Bakers' Fruit & Flower Farm in Kendallville for 25 years. She was also a homemaker and member of Stroh Church of God and its missionary society.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorene and Palmer Kiser and Phyllis and Dick Eagle-son, all of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Dawn Kocher of LaGrange; a sister, Wilma Hopkins of Sanford, Fla.; four grandchildren, William Bates, Kimberly Cross, Jodi Miller and Jennifer Kocher Smith; and five great-grandchildren, Courtney Cross, Cara Cross, Bryce Bates, Shane Miller and Sydney Miller.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Stroh Church of God, with the Rev. Loyd Jury officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services on Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Kidney Foundation.

Lloyd Worcester

PLEASANT LAKE — Lloyd Alan Worcester, 78, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 12:05 a.m. in his Pleasant Lake home.

He retired in 1985 as a union carpenter. He served in the U.S. Navy, where he earned the Bronze Star. He was a member of Angola Moose Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 and Carpenters Local 232.

He was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Willard, Ohio, to Charles and Fyrn (Underwood) Worcester. They preceded him in death.

He married Elaine Baker in January 1942 in Bellevue, Ohio, and she died in 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Fyrn E. Leakey and Jeannine Van-Gompel, both of Pleasant Lake, and Denise A. Martin of Hudson; two sons, John L. Worcester of Hawaii and Lloyd A. Worcester Jr. of Nevada; two brothers, Robert of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Bill of Arizona; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant View Church of Christ, 200 W. Fox Lake Road, Angola, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Bellevue, Ohio.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice of Angola. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Hose

BUTLER — Ralph Waldo Hose, 82, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 10:28 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired Wilmington Township farmer, timber buyer and professional logger. He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, and served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at both Coburn Corners and Newville churches of Christ. He was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Wilmington Township to Walter Ray and Alta Climary (Farner) Hose.

He married Alice Joan Strong on March 31, 1944, in St. Joe, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Wendell Ralph Hose of Sumner, Ill., and Galen H. Hose of Auburn; one daughter, Joann R. Phillips of

Noblesville; one brother, Harold H. Hose of Butler; two sisters, Viola M. Houser of Columbia City and Grace M. Gillespie of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Wilber E. and Herbert L., preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, with calling after 1 p.m. Arville Brown, Todd Steere and Davon Huss will officiate. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Memorials are to the Alexander and Andrew Huss Medical Fund, in care of Coburn Corners church, for his great-grandsons.

Sue Ann Van Houten

PIERCETON, Ind. — Sue Ann Van Houten, 62, died Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at 7:05 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked as a private nurse's aide and formerly worked as a nurse's aide at Miller's Merry Manor. She lived most of her life in Whitley County, and lived for a brief time in Fort Wayne. She attended Columbia City High School and was a member of the Kingdom Hall, Columbia City South Congregation of Jehovah's Witness.

She was born June 18, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Harold Alvin and

Helen (Hilker) Cooperrider.

She was married to Virgil Van Houten on Nov. 23, 1968. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Tambra Sue Simmons of Pierceton; four sons, James Allen Simmons of Harrisburg, Pa., Dennis Dean Simmons of Milford, Danny Gene Simmons of Monroe, Mich., and Tobias Tom Van Houten of Pierceton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Edward Miller of Auburn, and Mary and John Huffman of Bushnell, Fla.; her stepmother, Leah M. Cooperrider of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services are Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Richard Ernst will officiate. Burial will be in the Stough Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Lloyd Gaar

GARRETT — Lloyd H. Gaar, 90, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at 11:44 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, after a brief illness.

Mr. Gaar had lived in Garrett since 1956, when he moved from Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1972 after working 24 years as a machinist for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He previously owned a restaurant in Hastings, Mich., from 1939 to 1943. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 25, 1909, in Bagley, Minn. to Clemence and Alice (Coldtharp) Gaar.

He married Cleo M. Bowsman on March 15, 1936, in Fort Wayne. She died March 27, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Peggy Gaar of Garrett; two grandchildren, Julia Gaar and her fiancé, Ron Regazzi, and Travis Gaar and his fiancée, Christina Munns; and a half-brother, Bernad Yaste of Lancaster, Calif.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jeffrey Gaar; one brother, Clarence Gaar; two half-brothers, Rollie Walsh and Roy Walsh; and two stepbrothers, Frank Yaste and Bob Yaste.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Dr. Larry Smith of Garrett United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School of Garrett or the Garrett United Methodist Church, where Mr. Gaar was a member.

Allegra Stackhouse

MARIETTA, Ga. — Allegra L. Stackhouse, 84, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, in Marietta, Ga.

Mrs. Stackhouse was a former Auburn resident and had worked as a secretary for Dr. Edwards.

She was born May 18, 1915, in Auburn to Albert and Lucille (Hallauer) Wertman.

She married Robert Jay Stackhouse, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wayne and Ilene Stackhouse of Anchorage, Alaska, and Steven D. Stackhouse of Marietta; a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Ted Fritsch of Marietta; a brother, Herbert Wertman of Portage, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Bakken of Anchorage, and Angela, Lauren and Zachery Fritsch of Marietta.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at East Cobb United Methodist Church, 2325 Roswell Road NE, Marietta.

The Cremation Society of Georgia is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ora A. Fields**, 95, died Friday. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Frederick presiding. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Betty J. (Mathioudakis) Mathews**, 76, died Thursday. Memorial services will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Mathioudakis officiating. Calling is an hour before services.

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Lottie Cracraft

AUBURN — Lottie M. Cracraft, 70, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had been employed at Air Way Manufacturing in Auburn for five years.

She was born in Clinton, Ind., to James and Ruth Berry.

Mrs. Cracraft is survived by her husband, Henry Cracraft; a son, Paul Brewer of Auburn; a daughter, Lenora Sattison of Butler; two sisters, Edith Daves of Las Vegas and Joann Eicher of Waterloo; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip; five brothers; a grandson and a great-grandson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mildred DeLong

ANGOLA — Mildred R. DeLong, 88, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at 3:40 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. DeLong was a homemaker. She was born in Steuben County to Charles and Della (Wilcox) Huffman.

On Jan. 25, 1932, she married William DeLong. He died April 12, 1957. Also preceding her in death were a daughter, three sons, a sister, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

She is survived by a daughter, Daisy A. Snyder of Angola, 25 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to the family.

Maxine Johnson-Souder

LIGONIER — Maxine Johnson-Souder, 87, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at 11:17 a.m. in Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. She had been in failing health for about a week.

Mrs. Johnson-Souder had lived in Ligonier for the past two years. Before that, she had been a resident of Columbia City since 1965. Prior to that, she had been a Noble County resident.

She was a cook at the Whitley County Hospital for a few years before working as a sales clerk for Thornberg Drug Store until her retirement.

She was born Feb. 3, 1913, in Preble County, Ohio, to Orville and Laura (McDivitt) Haverty.

In 1929 she married Herbert Johnson, who died in 1964. She then married Robert Souder, who died in 1985. Also preceding her in death were a son, Richard, and two brothers, Harry Haverty and Forrest Haverty.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dick (Norma) Young of Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Lewis (Genevieve) McLallin of Leesburg; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Hugo Bischoff Jr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hugo "Fred" Bischoff Jr., 78, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at 1 a.m. at his home in Wolcottville after an extended illness.

Mr. Bischoff had lived in Wolcottville since 1965, when he moved from Fort Wayne. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Royal Oaks, Mich., to Hugo F. Bischoff Sr. and Elizabeth (Mayne) Bischoff.

In 1952 he married his wife, Wilma R., in Decatur. She died Sept. 19, 1981.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri K. and Chris Thompson of Fort Wayne, and Lynn M. and Eddie Johnson of Manchester, Ky.; a stepson, Billy Rowe of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Melvin H. Bischoff of Rome City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be at the funeral home Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with family calling at 9 a.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ferne Ferguson

AUBURN — Ferne Ferguson, 93, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler. She had been a resident there for the past three years.

Mrs. Ferguson lived most of her adult life in Auburn, where she moved after her marriage to Ford Ferguson in 1927. She was a native of Hicksville, Ohio, and a graduate of Hicksville High School.

She was the deputy auditor for DeKalb County for nine years. She worked as a bookkeeper for Messenger Corp. for 19 years, and retired as a secretary for the Auburn Street Department in 1985. She was a member of the County Line Church of God.

She was born June 18, 1906, to John E. and Julia (Simmers) Hook.

She is survived by a daughter, Julie Western of Auburn; two grandsons Jeffrey Western of Noblesville, and Jeremy Western and his wife, Lucretia, of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Al Black and the Rev. Bob Herman, both of the County Line Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God.

Duane Dillon

KENDALLVILLE — Duane A. Dillon, 72, of Kendallville, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at 2:20 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a brief illness.

Mr. Dillon was a furniture upholsterer and a lifetime area resident. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean conflict, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 and a member of American Legion Post 86.

He was born Dec. 2, 1927, in Kendallville to Roger D. and Glada A. (Latta) Dillon.

On April 21, 1966, in Tiffin, Ohio, he married Jean M. Shaw. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Holly R. Carpenter and Vickie L. and Scott Ogg, all of Kendallville; a son, Roger D. Dillon of Kendallville; a sister, Donna J. Schmidt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

James Pope

BUTLER — James Robert Pope, 63, of Butler, died Friday, April 28, 2000, in his home.

He was a retired self-employed carpenter.

Mr. Pope was born Aug. 13, 1936, in Dunn, N.C., to Daniel Robert Pope and Geneva (West) Pope.

He is survived by a son, Robert G. Pope of Benson, N.C.; four daughters, Geneva Houlton of Hamilton, Vickie Lechner of Butler, Kimberly Pope of Waterloo and Jamie Pope of Corunna; two brothers, William "Pete" Pope and Timothy Pope, both of Dunn, N.C.; a sister, Hazel McLamb of Benson, N.C.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and one granddaughter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lynn Harris

LAOTTO — Lynn Rose Harris, 25, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, April 29, 2000, at the home of a friend in Fort Wayne.

She spent her formative years in rural LaOtto, moving to Fort Wayne five years ago. She was employed for several years at The Alteration Shop in Fort Wayne and had been the manager of the DuPont Crossing location for the past five years.

She was born Aug. 11, 1974, in Fort Wayne to Robert A. and Henrietta (Teders) Harris. They survive in rural LaOtto.

She also is survived by a daughter, Alexondria Rose Mosher of Fort Wayne; her fiancée, Robert M. Groff of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Lori Ann and Donald Meyer of Churubusco; a sister, Lana Jean Harris of Moscow, Russia; a brother, Troy Allan Harris of LaOtto; and her maternal grandmother, Aldena Ruby Harris of LaOtto.

Services will be Monday at

10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin as the celebrant. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School in Avilla.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Fesler

WATERLOO — Marjorie (Cherry) Fesler, 81, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at 11:19 p.m. in her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Fesler was a homemaker and member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born Nov. 10, 1918, in DeKalb County to Jason and Irene (Dragroo) Cherry.

Her first husband, Joseph Havlin, died in 1968. Her second husband, Paul Fesler, died in 1997.

Surviving her are a son, Michael J. Havlin of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a daughter, Pamela Jo Havlin of Ball Lake, Hamilton; a stepson, Robert Fesler of Bahama, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Debra Sunior of Hastings, Mich.; a brother, Richard Cherry of Auburn; two sisters, Francis McKee of Butler and Hilda Frick of Auburn; two grandchildren, Michael Jason Havlin and Lindsey Havlin; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren Rene Havlin.

One sister, Thelma Schramm, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Rosamond Miller

HAMILTON — Rosamond C. Miller, 90, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker and member of the Community of the Cross Church in Angola.

She was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Conrad, Ind. Her husband, Claude C. Miller, died in 1994.

Surviving her is one daughter, Karen K. Holmes of Angola.

A brother, Eric W. Elson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery, Monroeville.

Calling is today from 1-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church, in care of Skip Carsten.

Lynn Harris

LAOTTO — Lynn Rose Harris, 25, a former resident of rural LaOtto and more recently of Fort Wayne, died unexpectedly Saturday morning, April 29, 2000, at the home of a friend in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 11, 1974, in Fort Wayne to Robert A. and Henrietta (Teders) Harris. They survive in rural LaOtto.

Ms. Harris grew up in rural LaOtto, moving to Fort Wayne five years ago. She was employed for several years at The Alteration Shop in Fort Wayne and had been the manager of the DuPont Crossing location for the past five years.

With her parents, she is survived by a daughter, Alexandria Rose Mosher of Fort Wayne; her fiancée, Robert M. Groff of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brother-in-law, Lori Ann and Donald Meyer of Churubusco, and Lana Jean Harris of Moscow, Russia; a brother, Troy Allan Harris of LaOtto; and her paternal grandmother, Aldena Ruby Harris of LaOtto.

A Mass of Christian Burial was

held today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial was in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School in Avilla.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, was in charge of the arrangements.



Harris

Mary Lou Minich

AUBURN — Mary Lou Minich, 71, of Auburn, and formerly of New Haven, died Sunday, April 30, 2000, in her home.

She was born April 11, 1929, in Fort Wayne. She married Laverne Minich on May 1, 1948 in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Minich had been a secretary for TD&M for 10 years. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and formerly a member of St. John's Catholic Church in New Haven.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Nancy) Wagner of Kendallville, and Cherril Pinnington of Smyrna, Tenn.; a son, Steven Minich of New Haven; her mother, Ruth Place of Auburn; a special friend, Lloyd Urbine of New Haven; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, where the rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are Masses to the church or to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Philip T. Peisert, 78, died Friday. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Lowell Lamar Schuman, 75, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with services 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ethel Albright

WATERLOO — Ethel H. Albright, 104, died Monday, May 1, 2000, at 11:17 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She worked at the former Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo for many years, retiring in her eighties. She lived on South Oak Street in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 26, 1895, in Waterloo to Cryrus and Martha (Oberlin) Leas. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Ruth Wray of Modesto, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Albright of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Alma Marcile Rupert Fish and Willa Harriet Albright; and three sons, Warren E. Albright, Vernon Albright Jr., and Allen Kenneth Albright.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. John Hostetter, pastor of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Athletic League.

Lucile Kinzer

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lucile Kinzer, 85, died Sunday, April 30, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. in Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, where she had resided for 10 years.

Mrs. Kinzer was a former resident of Auburn. She was employed at a cook at Fountain Manor and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, and Mark Center Grange.

She was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Decatur to Earl and Lucy (Amspaugh) Martin.

She married Lloyd Elzy Kinzer on Oct. 21, 1936. He died in 1958.

Surviving her are one son, Raymond of Auburn; two daughters, Margaret Huffman of Bryan, Ohio, and Linda Cottrell of Hicksville, Ohio; one stepson, Keith Kinzer of Pandora, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Betty Rickenberg of Defiance, Ohio, and Mary Godwin; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 17 stepgrandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were one daughter, Sue Ellen Mullett; one stepson, Kenneth Kinzer, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery in Decatur.

Calling is Wednesday after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Raymond E. Chrysler, 88, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in LaGrange Baptist Church,

LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

TOPEKA — A. Wayne Leupp, 51, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Donald Smith

ANGOLA — Donald L. Smith, 64, of Angola and formerly of Colorado, died Sunday, April 30, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Smith, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, was the owner of a service station and worked at T.I. Group Automotive in Ashley. He was a member of USAC, ARCA, NAMARS and the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association. He was a long-term midget-racing car owner and was one of the founders and the first president of the Wisconsin Snowmobiling Association.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Indiana.

Surviving are a daughter, Keely Smith of Longmont, Colo., and his best friend, Cosworth Smith of Angola.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling is one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Rich Volger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Deaths/Funerals

Allen Bradford

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Edwin Bradford, 46, of rural Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in Community Hospital of Noble County.

He was born Sept. 14, 1953, in Bluffton to Hubert and Lillian (Leas) Bradford. They preceded him in death. On Feb. 7, 1976, in Fort Wayne, he married Michelle Frey. She survives.



Bradford

Mr. Bradford had lived in the Kendallville area 21 years, coming from Warren. He was a 1975 graduate of Tri-State University in Angola. He was a CPA for Tower Automotive and a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Walnuts Investment Club and a former member of the Kendallville Jaycees.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kristie Bradford and Sara Bradford, both of Kendallville; two sons, Jacob Bradford and Brett Bradford, both of Kendallville; a sister, Susan Campbell of Blanco, N.M.; and six brothers, Gene Bradford of Auburn, Stanley Bradford of Marion, and Wendell Bradford, Richard Bradford, William Bradford and Ronald Bradford, all of Warren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Waneta Krontz

COCHISE, Ariz. — Waneta E. "Skeeter" Krontz, 70, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at her home in Richland Ranchettes, Cochise, Ariz.

Mrs. Krontz worked as a punch press operator for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler for over 20 years. She retired to Arizona in 1975 and had lived in Richland Ranchettes since 1979. She attended Wynne Chapel in Richland Ranchettes.

She was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Henry and Elsie (Oplinger) Stickney.

She married Clayton L. Krontz on March 28, 1946, in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Terry Andrews of Cochise, Marie and Mike Blanton of Ashley, and Norman "Peanut" Tremmel of Cochise; two sons, Michael Krontz of Bonifay, Fla., and Philip Krontz of Indianapolis; three brothers, Art Smethers of Fort Wayne, Walter Stickney of Hicksville and Norman Stickney of Piney Flats, Tenn.; two sisters, Wyona Kief of Hicksville and Leota Parte of Montpelier, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. (Arizona time) at Wynne Chapel with the Rev. Lyle Pettit officiating. Burial will take place at Pearce Cemetery in Pearce, Ariz.

Memorials are to the Charles Leighton Jr. Hospice Fund, in care of Compass Bank, 173 S. Haskell, Willcox AZ 85643.

Westlawn Chapel and Mortuary in Willcox is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Burton Colwell, 48, died Tuesday. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Cox

ANGOLA — Donald F. Cox, 78, of Angola and formerly of Portsmouth, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cox retired as a truck driver from R.S. Service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a lifetime member of the Columbus, Ohio, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3424.

He was born Jan. 19, 1922, in Laurelville, Ohio, to Homer Glen and Nellie Elizabeth (Crider) Cox.

Surviving are two sons, Homer Eugene Cox of Hot Springs, N.C., and Donald Glenn Cox of Golden Gate, Fla.; two daughters, Carolyn Ann Weicht of Angola and Beverly Woods of Lisbon Falls, Maine; two sisters, Virginia Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Joan Cox of Delaware, Ohio; and 13 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Shriners Children's Hospital and Riley Hospital for Children.

Rick Timmerman

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rick Eugene Timmerman, 45, of Orlando, died Saturday, April 29, 2000.

Mr. Timmerman was a self-employed automotive mechanic. He lived in Butler before moving to Florida in 1983.

He was born Jan. 28, 1955, in

Butler to Victor and Loretta (Hank) Timmerman. They survive in Leesburg, Fla., and Butler.

Also surviving are a sister, Teresa Ross of Eustis, Fla.; two brothers, Von of Auburn and Charles of Apopka, Fla.; four nieces and one nephew.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Indiana. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home in Eustis, Fla., and Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo are in charge of arrangements.

Henry Greenfield

GARRETT — Henry "Hank" A. Greenfield, 68, died Thursday, May 4, 2000, at 9 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Greenfield worked for 33 years as an electrician at Dana Corp. before retiring in 1992. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, and was a member of the Garrett American Legion post and UAW Local 604. He also was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

He was born Feb. 18, 1932, in Ashley to Albert and Zella (Nelson) Greenfield.

On May 15, 1985, in Auburn he married Sharilyn Haynes. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald Greenfield of Hamilton, Darwin Greenfield of Everson, Wash., and Steven Cardwell of Tacoma, Wash.; a stepson, Kelly Wallace of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Kim Scouten of Butler and Karla Fry of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Park of Bellingham, Wash.; six grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, and one stepgreat-grand-

daughter.

Three brothers and eight sisters preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Leonard R. Proxmire**, 72, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lester R. Jones Jr.**, 63, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Dennis McCoy

BUTLER — Dennis W. McCoy, 21, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at 7:03 a.m. at his home in Butler. He had been seriously ill for 19 months.

He was born July 23, 1978, in Fort Wayne and had been a Butler resident since 1986. He graduated in 1997 from Eastside High School, where he played football all four years. He also was on the wrestling team for three years and was involved in summer league softball.

His mother, Bernice (Joyce) McCoy, preceded him in death July 25, 1993.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Larry and Gale McCoy of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jodi and Jason Shull of Fort Wayne and Lori Jasso of Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Phillip McCoy and Larry McCoy II and Kelly McCoy, all of Butler; two stepbrothers, Michael Smurr of Waterloo and Lynn Smurr of Butler; a paternal grandmother, Hellena Bollman of Bedford, Pa.; a paternal grandmother, Ruby McCoy of Avilla; nine nieces and two nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home at Churubusco with Pastor Melvin Wilkinson of Beech Grove officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America

Robert Musser

ST. JOE — Robert D. Musser, 83, of St. Joe died Friday, May 5, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Musser worked as a pickle processor for Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe, retiring in 1981.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ and the veterans group of the 43rd M.R. & R. Squadron.

He was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Auburn. His parents were James F. Musser and Maude (Kester) Musser Keller.

He married Loretta Schendel on Nov. 23, 1949, in St. Joe. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Musser of St. Joe; two stepsons, Frank Kessler of Churubusco and Daniel Kessler of Nampa, Idaho; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Donald Musser, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 County Road 64, St. Joe, IN 46785, or to the American Lung Association of Northeast Indiana, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Maurice Hollopeter

CHURUBUSCO — Maurice A. Hollopeter, 79, of Churubusco, died at 10:19 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2000, at home.

On Nov. 7, 1920, in Allen County, he was born to Albert and Sylvia (Freeman) Hollopeter. He married Vivian Wetzel in Allen County on Oct. 12, 1946. She survives.

Mr. Hollopeter was a lifetime resident of the Churubusco area, working as a truck driver for Norwalk Truckline Freight in Columbia City.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515 and Churubusco Order of Eastern Star 136.

Surviving are: his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Rose) Griffith of Post Falls, Idaho; two sons, Mark Hollopeter of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Kent Hollopeter of Syracuse, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. James (Hazel) Crandal of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ronald Hollopeter of Albion; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday

at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Chris Newman-Jacobs and Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, or EMT's of Churubusco.

DEATHS • FUNERALS

THE NEWS-SUN & THE EVENING STAR

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2000

Arthur Duesler

LIGONIER — Arthur Duesler, 77, died Saturday, May 6, 2000, at 4:51 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Duesler was born June 23, 1922, in Noble County, to Fred and Louisa (Growcock) Duesler. He married E. Laurine Chiddister, who preceded him in death April 1, 2000.

He owned Ligonier Glass from 1960-1988 and was a lifetime area resident. Also, he was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are one son, Adrian Arthur Duesler of Mooresville, N.C.; two daughters, Velma Mahnesmith of Ocoola, Ind., and Helen Lohrei of Ligonier; one brother, Herbert Duesler of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Christopher A. Duesler of Virginia Beach, Va., David Duesler of Geneva, Ill., Lauren Duesler of Goshen and Mathew Brown of Whitehall, Mich.; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Alan Duesler, in 1965, and by one brother, Robert Duesler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Saxton

KIMMELL — Mary E. "Pidge" Saxton, 72, of Knapp Lake, Kimmell, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in Community Hospital of Noble County, Kendallville. She had been in declining health the past two years.

On May 28, 1927, in Fort Wayne, she was born to Edward E. and Edna Mary (O'Neill) Saxton.

In 1978 she moved to Knapp Lake from Fort Wayne, where she was raised.

Miss Saxton had been employed as a clerk in purchasing for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, where she retired after 43 years of service.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, the West Noble American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary, the General Electric Quarter Century Club, the General Electric Elex Club and St. Patrick's Rosary Sodality.

Surviving are two brothers, James D. Saxton of Fort Wayne, and John B. Saxton of Tempe, Ariz.; two sisters, Helen Coblentz and Kathleen Crouse, both of Kimmell; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Andrews Soup Kitchen, 2610 New Haven Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46803.

Gladys Bowman

WARREN — Gladys M. Bowman, 90, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

Mrs. Bowman was a native of Majencia and had taught at Warren Elementary School, East Union and East Rock Creek before retiring in 1974.

She belonged to the Rock Creek Homemakers Club, Women's Fellowship Club and Loon Creek Church of the Brethren, where she had served as a deacon and board member.

Surviving are two sons, Harold L. Ralston of Fort Wayne and Marvin D. Ralston of Warren; two stepsons; four daughters, Carmen Vaught of Angola, Ladonna Jackson and Gloria Hudlow, both of Fort Wayne, and Wanda Hesler of Oneonta, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles F. Ralston, and her second husband, Robert L. Bowman.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Warren United Methodist Memorial Home Chapel, Warren, with calling there one hour before services Tuesday. Calling is also today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, Markle.

Burial will be at Mount Etna Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the church.



John Szapkiw

LAGRANGE — John Szapkiw, 53, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at 4:20 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born June 9, 1946, in Langgrun, Czechoslovakia, to Jerry and Eleonore (Wolflik) Szapkiw. His father survives in Lorain, Ohio. On Oct. 16, 1971, in Rome City, he married Carolyn E. Wood, who survives.

He moved from Lorain, Ohio, to LaGrange in 1971 and had been a set-up worker for Atwood Products in LaGrange.

He was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Surviving also are one daughter and son-in-law, Tasha and David Hoyer of Wolcottville; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Channing E. and Julie Szapkiw of Orland and Michael W. Szapkiw of LaGrange; and one brother, Nicholas Szapkiw of Paxton, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with the Rev. Charles Mullen and the Rev. Leon Pohl officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Masses to the church.

Katherine Western

HOWE — Katherine Western, 92, died at 10:25 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2000, at Thurston Woods Nursing Home in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Western was born Nov. 4, 1907, in LaGrange County, to Willard and Bernice (Smith) Switzer. On Aug. 5, 1961, in Wayne County, Mich., she married F.D. Western.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Michigan Retired School Teachers and GFWC Sturgis Women's Club.

She had worked as a school teacher and had degrees from Michigan State Normal and Western Michigan University.

She is survived by many friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with Dr. Chris Deisler officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Marjorie Townsend

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie Townsend, 92, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2000, at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Townsend was born Nov. 8, 1907, in Kendallville, to Otho and Lida Riddle. She married Victor Townsend, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Townsend was a graduate of DePauw University. She retired from Townsend Dry Cleaners in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are one son, George Townsend of Angola; two grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph, Howard and John Riddle.

Private graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Linda Stark

CLINE LAKE — Linda J. Stark, 61, a resident of Cline Lake, LaGrange County, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at 12:08 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in

Fort Wayne. She had been seriously ill since April.

She was born March 26, 1939, in Indianapolis.

She was a 1959 graduate of Southside High School in Fort Wayne and had lived much of her adult life in Fort Wayne, where she had worked at Instant Copy. At the time of her death, she had been employed by John Ley Monument Sales Inc. of Avilla as a monument designer.

She had lived for a period in Richmond before moving to Cline Lake in 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Denise Masierak of Roanoke; one son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Kim Masierak of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Andrew Masierak and Ashley Masierak.

Private graveside services will be held at the Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Deaths/Funerals

Joyce Morr

AUBURN — Joyce M. Morr, 62, died Sunday, May 7, 2000, at 1 a.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Mrs. Morr was a medical assistant and assisted her husband at their farm. She was a graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe. She was a member of County Line Church of God and a charter member of Le Club Extension Homemakers Club. She loved flower gardening.

She was born Sept. 8, 1937, to William and Osie (Berryhill) LaRowe. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

She married Sam. M. Morr on Nov. 2, 1957, in Concord United Methodist Church, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and Leslie Grawcock of Auburn, Terri and Joseph Hoover of Auburn, and Diane and David Kieser of Indi-

anapolis; three sisters, Betty Houser and Joanne Dulle, both of Auburn, and Nila Honaker of Thompsonsville, Ky.; six grandchildren, Jeremiah and Melissa Grawcock, Ashley and Hilary Hoover, and Nicholas and Brooke Kieser; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Ilo L. Buettner, 86, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral

Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

SYRACUSE — Alexis Nicole Acton, 17-month-old daughter of Michael and Kimberlee Acton, died Saturday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Syracuse Cemetery. Calling 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Homes, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Deaths/Funerals

Virgil Parker

CHURUBUSCO — Virgil P. Parker, 77, of rural Churubusco, died at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2000, in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health the past five years and seriously ill the past month.

He was born near Angola Feb. 29, 1928, to Alva and Helen (Hayes) Parker. On Feb. 2, 1949, in Denver, Colo., he married Dorothy Hasse. She survives.



Parker

Mr. Parker

grew up in rural Steuben County and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following marriage he spent most of his life near Churubusco and in Smith Township since 1997. He was formerly employed by General Electric in Fort Wayne for eight years and retired in 1984 from the maintenance department of International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 25 years. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Coesse, and Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Shaw of Wheaton, Mo., and Linda Parker of LaOtto; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Brenda Parker of Laurium, Mich.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Clifford Parker of Garrett, Harold and Frances Parker of Wolcottville, and Donald and Barbara Parker of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Raymond Vondereau of Desert Palms, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Brisco and Marge Anderson; and a brother, Alva Earl Parker.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Judith Follis officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Hope Lutheran Church, Coesse.

Joyce Morr

AUBURN — Joyce M. Morr, 62, died Monday, May 8, 2000, at 1 a.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Mrs. Morr was a medical assistant and assisted her husband at their farm. She was a graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe. She was a member of the County Line Church of God and a charter member of Le Club Extension Homemakers Club. She loved flower gardening.

She was born Sept. 8, 1937, to William and Osie (Berryhill) LaRowe. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

She married Sam. M. Morr on Nov. 2, 1957, in Concord United Methodist Church, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and Leslie Grawcock of Auburn, Terri and Joseph Hoover of Auburn, and Diane and David Kieser of Indianapolis; three sisters, Betty Houser and Joanne Dulle, both of Auburn, and Nila Honaker of Thompsonsville, Ky.; six grandchildren, Jeremiah and Melissa Grawcock, Ashley and Hilary Hoover, and Nicholas and Brooke Kieser; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Mildred Dean

AUBURN — Mildred M. "Millie" Dean, 82, died Monday, May 8, 2000, at 8 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Dean worked at Fashion Crossroads in Auburn for many years, retiring in 1989. She lived in Auburn.

She was born March 23, 1918, in Auburn to Frank and Aerial (Miller) Beard.

She married Charles C. Dean on Sept. 11, 1934, in Albion. He died in 1980.

Surviving her are one daughter, Shellie K. Howe of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Maiko Walker, Tim Howe and Eric Howe; and four great-grandchildren, Chantel Walker, Chelsie Howe, Andy Howe and Michael Howe.

Lawrence Christner

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence Everett "Larry" Christner, 73, died Monday, May 8, 2000, at Golden Years Homestead Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

He was a standard breed horse trainer and driver until his retirement, and also worked at the Elkhart County Health Department from 1954-1960. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a graduate of Indiana University. He had lived in Fort Wayne for the past 36 years.

Mr. Christner was born July 28, 1926, in Scott, Ind., to Oscar Ira and Mary Velda (Howard) Christner.

He married Patsy Hook on Jan. 20, 1956, in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Scott B. Christner of St. Joe; one brother, Rollin F. Christner of Syracuse; and two sisters, Velma L. Sherck of LaGrange and Ruby E. Rigdon of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kirby Christner, on July 3, 1976, and a brother, Duaine Christner.

Services will be held Thursday at noon in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with the Rev. Jim Myers officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, 1101 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne IN 46802; Alzheimers Association, Northern Indiana Chapter, 227 E. Washington Center Road, Suite 301, Fort Wayne IN 46802; or Mental Health Association of Allen County, 227 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne IN 46802.

One son, Charles Lee Dean, and three sisters, Gladys Batdorf, Zeddis Frick and Frances Bosselman, preceded her in death.

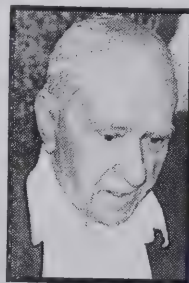
Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Blaine Rex

BUTLER — Blaine M. Rex, 88, died Monday, May 8, 2000, at 2:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.



Rex

Mr. Rex retired from General Liquors in South Bend in 1977. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

He was born March 12, 1912, in Butler to Fred G. and Elizabeth M. (Ridenour) Rex.

He married Rita V. Robinett of Bryan, Ohio, on April 11, 1936, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jo Ann and Joe Donaldson of Auburn, and Jeannie and Dave Pratt of Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, Robert "Jake" Rex of Garrett; four grandchildren, Michael Roop of Hamilton, A.J. Pratt of Fort Wayne, Troy Pratt of Loveland, Ohio, and Aimee Sorrell of Cincinnati, Ohio; two stepgrandsons, Doug Donaldson and Ned Donaldson, both of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren.

One brother and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Public Library or Butler Eagles Lodge.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Gaython S. Flickinger, 94, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Calling 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Willa Rivera

ST. JOE — Willa Grace Rivera, 73, died Tuesday evening at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Rivera was a manager of the shoe sales department at Beitman & Wolfe Shoe Store in Wabash for 33 years before retiring. She worked with the Leukemia Society for several years and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

She graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, W.Va., after completing 12 years of education.

She was born Sept. 29, 1926, in Greenup, Ky., to Edward and Bessie (Wright) Saunders.

She married Juan C. Rivera on May 7, 1968, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Victoria Saunders of Columbus, Ohio, and a sister, Louise Godbey of Charleston, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Blanche Shepherd, and two brothers, George and Charles Saunders.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Free Bible Tabernacle Church in Butler, with the Rev. Eli Zarro and the Rev. Charles Witt officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society-DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn IN 46706.

Letha Stairhime

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Letha M. Stairhime, 79, died early on the morning of Wednesday, May 10, 2000, in her Hicksville home.

She graduated from Harlan High School in 1938. She retired from Commercial Shearing Co. in Hicksville in 1988. She was a past

member of the Hicksville Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Stairhime was born March 6, 1921, in Allen County, Ind., to Walter and Florence (Van Meter) Ruckman. They preceded her in death.

She married Delmar E. Stairhime on July 30, 1938. He died March 8, 2000.

Surviving her are three sons, Kenton D., Norval and Lonnie, all of Hicksville; two daughters, Karen Kokovay of Fort Wayne and Sue Taylor of Hicksville; one brother, Neal Ruckman of Harlan; one sister, Myra Reinking of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Rodney L. Stairhime; three grandsons, Londel, Joshua and Brian Stairhime; three brothers, Myron Ancil and Phil Ruckman; and three sisters, Illa Schultz, Celia Hanson and Madge Sawyer.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Allen County, Ind.

Calling is Friday after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Defiance County Hospice Program or Hicksville Unit For Crippled Children or Adults.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Crystal Gayle Homister**, 22, was found dead April 6 in Kosciusko County. Services at noon Saturday in Bethel Baptist Church, Kendallville, with calling two hours before services.

ROME CITY — **Gordon L. Doyle**, 49, of Rome City, died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 10, 2000. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Snyder Funeral Home, Fredericktown. Calling from noon until services Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Marion Sewell

HAMILTON — Marion Sewell, 80, died on the evening of Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for several years.

Mrs. Sewell was born March 24, 1920, in Endicott, N.Y., to Harry and Edith (McVannan) Brown.

She married Bill Sewell on March 31, 1944, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving her are three children, Steven Sewell, Brenda Krontz and Terri Sewell, all of Hamilton; a sister, Norma Crain of Hamilton; three brothers, Harry Brown of Vestal, N.Y., Richard Brown of Endicott, N.Y., and Robert Havens of Minnesota; and one granddaughter, Paula Sewell of Hamilton.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Carmine S. Frehse, 93, died Thursday. Services at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Owen Bradley

GARRETT — Owen M. Bradley, 74, died Monday, May 15, 2000, at 3 p.m. in his home on South Franklin Street.

Mr. Bradley managed the Dunkirk Lumber Co. for 25 years, was a building trades instructor at Garrett High School for 10 years, was a building inspector and substitute rural mail carrier, and a self-employed contractor. He had been a licensed foster parent since 1964.

He lived in Dunkirk for 27 years before moving to Garrett in 1975. He was a member of the Dunkirk Lions Club and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was made a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1995 by Gov. Evan Bayh.

He was born Nov. 4, 1925, in Redkey, Ind., to Gordon E. and Margaret F. (Ayres) Bradley.

He married Deloris Pierson on June 23, 1950, in Dunkirk, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Peggy L. Sutton of Auburn, Beth Ann Anderson of Mooresville and Cindy Jo Bradley of Garrett; three sons, Kent Bradley of Leesburg, Fla., Scott Bradley of Selma, Ind., and Mitch Bullard Bradley of Garrett; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Leland and Mary Bradley of Fort Wayne, Norman and Dixie Bradley of Fort Wayne, Berton and Felicia Bradley of Santa Monica, Calif., and Kenneth Bradley of Hayword, Calif.; one sister, Joan Hawkins of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters-in-law, Arlene Farls, Martha Connor and Helen Pierson, all of Dunkirk; 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Jon A. Bradley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Paul McFann officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Lois Miller

TEKONSHA, Mich. — Lois M. Miller, 70, died Monday, May 15, 2000, at her home in Tekonsha, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Miller was born March 10, 1930, in Marshall, Mich., to Ernest and Bethel (Toby) Kraus. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, William H. Miller, died in 1973.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Virginia and David Sommers of Fremont, Evelyn Miller of Union City, Mich., Edith and Doug Newton of Tekonsha and Lucille Miller of Tekonsha; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Clyde and Loretta Wallace of Terre Haute, Melvin Wallace of Kalamazoo, Mich., William and Jane Miller of Tekonsha; a son-in-law, Chester Foulk of California Corners, Mich., a sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Dick Barrington of Tekonsha; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Jane Kraus of Concord, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A son, a brother and a sister preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held today at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Putnam Funeral Home, Tekonsha, was in charge of arrangements.

Willard Barnes

BUTLER — Willard J. "Beanie" Barnes, 91, died Monday, May 15, 2000, at 12:15 p.m. in his Butler home.

He retired in 1974 as a troubleshooter and lineman for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., where he worked for 43 years. He was a charter member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Barnes was born March 20, 1909, in Edgerton, Ohio, to James and Martha Barnes. They preceded him in death.

He married Ethel M. Clay on Oct. 16, 1933, in Auburn. She died Sept. 6, 1995.

Surviving him are two nieces and their husbands, Nancy and Bob DeWaide of Salem, Ore., and Dortha and Art Loucks of Hudson; one nephew and his wife, Roger and Sandy Whittig of Angola; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred and Audrey Barnes; one niece and her husband, Martha and Frank Fifer; and one nephew, Robert Whittig.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home. An Eagles service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Donald Cook

SPENCERVILLE — Donald Edward Cook, 81, died on the evening of Monday, May 15, 2000, in his Spencerville home.

Mr. Cook was a screw machinist operator at Modernair in Waterloo until his retirement in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572.

He was born May 20, 1918, in Culver, Ind., to Paul Arnold and Dessie (Wells) Cook.

He married Rachel Louise Chapman on June 10, 1949, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Louisa I. Freiburger of Butler; two sons, Dean E. Cook of Butler and Brian N. Cook of Spencerville; a sister, Shirley Jane Moodie of Fort

Wayne; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Eugene Paul Cook, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — Georgia L. Underwood, 63, died Monday. Services a 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Carl E. Hull, 86, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Dr. M. Gene Headley

ANGOLA — Dr. M. Gene Headley, 67, of Angola, died Monday, May 15, 2000, in Angola.

Dr. Headley was a veterinarian and the owner of Grandview Veterinary Clinic of Angola.

He was a graduate of Edon, Ohio, High School and Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

He was a member of the American, Indiana and Northeast Indiana Veterinary Medical Associations and the Angola United Methodist Church. He was the only president of the Steuben County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

He was a member and chairman of the board of the Angola State Bank and Norwest Bank from 1979-97. He was a member of the Elmhurst Hospital and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital boards.

He was the first president and current treasurer of the Steuben County Antique Power Association. He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Steam and Gas Association, the National Thrashers Association and numerous musical box societies. He enjoyed his organs and calliope. He collected antique tractors and machinery and enjoyed sharing them with people.

He also was a life member of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

Dr. Headley was born April 28, 1933, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Earle Lavon and Dora (Lash) Headley.

On Aug. 15, 1954, he married Phyllis (Allomong) Headley, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Headley of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Kevin O'Brien of McHenry, Ill., Sara and Brent Thrasher of Avon, and Elizabeth and Mark Henry of Evansville; six grandchildren, Alison Headley, Matthew, Claire and Thomas O'Brien, Karie Thrasher and Patrick Henry; three sisters, Wandalee Cosper of Hamilton, Madonna Clairmont of Laguna Woods, Calif., and Cecelia Hinkle of Montpelier, Ohio.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glass-

burn officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church and the Steuben County Antique Power Association.

Dennis Wenzel Jr.

LAGRANGE — Dennis J. Wenzel Jr., 18, of LaGrange, died Monday at 6:51 p.m. in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

He was born Nov. 4, 1981, in LaGrange to Dennis J. and Judy (Mast) Wenzel Sr. His father survives in LaGrange. His mother, Mrs. Gordon (Judy) Mast, survives in Angola.

Mr. Wenzel had attended Lakeland High School and was currently taking classes at the Stroh Fire Department to become an EMT.

Also surviving are a brother, Nicholas Wenzel of Angola; two stepbrothers, Andy Mast of Hudson, and Branson Mast of Angola; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lounsbury and paternal grandmother Wanda Wenzel, all of LaGrange; paternal great-grandmother, Josephine Acker of Grand Rapids, Mich.; maternal great-grandmother Evelyn Routsong of LaGrange; and maternal stepgreat-grandmother Martha Eagleson of Angola.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Lou McPheeters

GARRETT — Mary Lou McPheeters, 85, died Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 12:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a former assistant administrator and bookkeeper for Garrett Community Hospital, and a former bookkeeper for the Garrett Elks Lodge and Insurance Trustees in Garrett. She retired in 1991 and lived in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 19, 1915, in Garrett to Frank "Abey" and Mable

(Oberlin) Abram.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wilson S. Hurley, and her second husband, David Wayne Blaker.

Surviving her are two sons, Dennis W. Blaker of Ashley and Maurice G. McPheeters Jr. of Garrett; a daughter, Teri' Lou McPheeters of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Barbara Patterson, Dennis Blaker, Rachel McPheeters and Nicole McPheeters; and five great-grandchildren.

One sister, Betty Reese, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling hours. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, Northeast Regional Office, 5729 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne IN 46835.

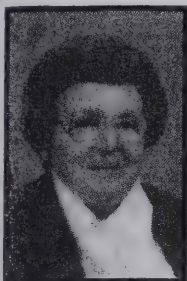
Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Stanley Scherer, 46, died Monday. Prayer services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 2:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave., with calling in the funeral home from 2-5 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Maurine Bassett

AUBURN — Maurine Bassett, 84, died Sunday, May 14, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.



Bassett

Mrs. Bassett owned and operated Bassett Motor Sales in Auburn for 40 years with her husband, Rheo, retiring in 1978. She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn.

the Auburn Moose Lodge and Charm & Chatter Extension Homemakers Club. She was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 13, 1915, in Auburn to James and Dessie (Grogg) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Rheo W. Bassett on Feb. 27, 1937, in Auburn. He died Jan. 20, 2000.

Surviving her are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Thomas Diederich of Auburn, Gloria and Robert Glick of Auburn, and Jeanne Bassett of Granger; one brother, Robert Smith of Auburn; four sisters, Joan Bowman of Auburn, Audrey Smith and Betty Douglas, both of Fort Wayne, and Barbara Deetz of Fremont; nine grandchildren, Cheryl Keech, Lori Myers, Eric Diederich, Jama Begovich, Jay Cutter, Jill Myers, and Todd, Tonya and Theresa Glick; and five great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Olene Kruse, Helen Capen and Ester Maxwell, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Asher Baker

HAMILTON — Asher Baker, 59, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was born Sept. 16, 1940, in Yerkes, Ky. His parents, Finley Baker and Lillie (Rice) Gilbert, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a sister and brother-in-law, Nora and Kenneth Black of Hamilton; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Shafter and Betty Rose Baker of Auburn, and Tensley Baker of Hamilton; and nieces and nephews.

One brother, Jasper, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday after noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Vanessa Thorne of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Kevin Cortright of Garrett, and Elizabeth and Mike Egly of Garrett; two brothers, Pat Hodges and Robert Hodges, both of Murray; three grandchildren, James R. and Megan Darlene Thorne of Butler and Kiara Egly of Garrett; five step-grandchildren, Derek, David, Courtney, Brittany and Dean Egly, all of Garrett; and her stepmother, Hazel Hodges of Murray.

Her stepfather, Roy Morris, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Paul Merriman

FORT WAYNE — Paul Everett Merriman, 69, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a road test engineer for International Harvester for 18 years, then sold trucks at various lots. He was most recently employed at Indiana Auto Auction. He was a Korean veteran of the U.S. Navy. He attended high school in Auburn and was a native of Kosciusko County.

He was a member of Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 47. He graduated from Purdue University and Indiana Tech.

Surviving him are his wife, Cleo Mae; a son, Matthew Merriman of St. Louis, Mo.; three stepsons, Kevin Kolmerten, Michael Kolmerten, and Sheldon Kolmerten, all of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Helen Merriman of Loogootee; his foster mother, Itha Jensen of Highlands, N.C.; a brother, Don Merriman of Columbia City; a sister, Hope Teifert of Fort Wayne; a half-brother, Steve Merriman of Honolulu, Hawaii; a half-sister, Sydney Wickliffe of Billings, Mont.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Esther Sanders

ORLAND — Esther Lucille Sanders, 91, of LaGrange, died Friday, May 12, 2000, at Lifecare Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Sanders was employed as a factory worker at Douglass Manufacturing in Bronson, Mich., retiring in 1944.

She was born July 1, 1908, in Angola to Nelson and Lottie (Finley) Walsh.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Rigg of Howe; a stepson, Richard Sanders of Orland; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Sanders, in 1980.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home.

Judy Thorne

BUTLER — Judy Sharon Thorne, 47, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at 10:20 p.m. at her Butler home.

She was employed at Air-Way Manufacturing in Auburn for seven years.

She was born Feb. 17, 1953, in Murray, Ky. Her mother, Essie Elizabeth Phillips Morris, survives in Murray. Her father, Thomas Jefferson Hodges, is deceased.

She married Clarence Reuben Thorne on June 13, 1969, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Reuben J. and

Mary Shatto

ANGOLA — Mary D. Shatto, 89, a lifetime Angola resident, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Shatto worked at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler. She was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born April 3, 1911, in Steuben Township, Steuben County, to Clovis and Goldie (Sowles) Hills.

Surviving are four daughters, Marilyn Nelson of Butler, and Marty Mowry, Lois Douglas and Beverly Lower, all of Angola; and 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy R. Shatto, on March 29, 1961; two sons, Ronald and Gerald Beebe; a brother, Clarence Hills; and a sister, Vera Bickel.

Graveside services took place today in Metz Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church. Arrangements were made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

June McKee

GARRETT — June E. McKee, 82, died Sunday, May 14, 2000, in Covenant Place Nursing Home in Westminster, Colo.

Mrs. McKee was a homemaker. She and her husband, Carl C. McKee Jr., were the founders and owners of McKee Funeral Home in Garrett, which later became McKee-Miles Funeral Home. She was a former member of the Garrett

United Methodist Church.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Avilla to Claude Stephenson and Mable Stewart.

On July 7, 1940, she married Carl C. McKee Jr. in Avilla. He died Aug. 31, 1987.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Ireland of Arvada, Colo., and Kay Miller of Durham, N.C.; two sisters, Phil Thorne of Garrett and Doris Cantrell of Lakeland, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

A sister, Sue Broderick, also preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Neva Provines

AUBURN — Neva M. Provines, 92, died Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 3:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Miss Provines was a bookkeeper for Weaver Heating Co. for 30 years and was co-manager of the Curiosity Shop in Auburn. She lived in Auburn and graduated in 1926 from McIntosh High School. She was a 45-year member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and was active at the

Heimach Senior Center. She also was a member of DeKalb County Republicans and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born June 29, 1907, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Frank A. and Lena (Bartels) Provines. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by four nieces, Doris Sanxter, Janet Beaty and Carole Carmer of Auburn, and Melva Eakright of Butler; and five nephews, Harold Carmer, David Provines, Jim Provines, Verle

Provines and Darwin Provines, all of Auburn.

Two brothers, Milo and Frank Provines, and two sisters, Mabel Jordan and Helen Carmer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Sid Short officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

Deaths/Funerals

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Leota Edwards

KENDALLVILLE — Leota F. Edwards, 57, of Kendallville, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at the Hospice Home of Northeast



Leota Edwards

Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for 1 1/2 years and seriously ill since February.

She was a candy temper at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 38 years, and a mem-

ber of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 26, 1942, in LaGrange, and moved to Kendallville 38 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Greg Sutter of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy G. and Dawn Edwards of El Paso, Texas; her mother, Elsie Bontrager of LaGrange; seven sisters, Marilyn Vollmar and Jane Hershberger, both of Las Vegas, Nev., Velda Christner of Indianapolis, Mrs. Rick (Lila) Philbrook and Mrs. Gary (Nedra) Christner, both of Shipshewana, Miriam Yates of Churubusco and Mrs. Gary (Carolyn) Hollowell of LaGrange; two brothers, Harold Bontrager of Elkhart and Dorvan Bontrager of Colorado; and six grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with Pastor Paul Griebel officiating.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Herhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, and Tuesday at the church one hour before services.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery in LaGrange County. Memorials may be given to St. John Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

Jordan Sensenig

SHIPSHEWANA — Jordan Scott Sensenig, 14 months, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at his home.



Jordan Sensenig

He was born March 17, 1999, in LaGrange to Scott and Wanda (Schrock) Sensenig. His parents survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Daniel and Janet (Ogburn) Sensenig of New Oxford, Pa., and

Delbert and Elsie (Mullet) Schrock of LaGrange; and his great-grandparents, Alvin and Anna Schrock of Dundee, Ohio, Ervin and Ella Mullet of Shipshewana and Martha (Sensenig) Shelly of Elizabethtown, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Jacob Sensenig.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fairhaven AM Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Henry Hershberger and the Rev. Virgil Hershberger of Hebron Fellowship Church officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Fairhaven AM Church. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Sanger

AUBURN — Kenneth G. Sanger, 83, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sanger retired in 1982 after 45 years as a business executive for Kmart in Troy, Mich. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

He was born April 14, 1917, in Makato, Minn.

Surviving are his wife, Marie, of Auburn; two sons, David Sanger of Traverse City, Mich., and Roger Sanger of Monterey, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Maureen Gaskill and Marianne Hart, both of Carmel; two grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

His first wife, Thelma, preceded him in death in 1978.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman and the Rev. Bill Kaster officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A memorial service will be conducted Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Nell Franz

DANVERS, Ill. — Nell K. Franz, 87, of Danvers and formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, May 13, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, Ill.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Danvers, the Danvers Senior Citizens, and Questers, Bloomington Chapter.

She was born June 4, 1912, in Kendallville to Arta and Belle (McCullick) Zimmerman. She married Francis K. Franz June 3, 1933, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death Feb. 17, 1956.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Kay Franz of Bloomington, Ill., Kenneth and Ada Franz of Danvers and Richard Franz of Santa Fe, N.M.; a daughter, Susan, of Chicago; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. One grandson also preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Danvers, with the Rev. William Vincent officiating.

There will be no visitation. Otto-Argo Funeral Home in Danvers was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church or the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Adam Carnahan

BUTLER — Adam Dwight Carnahan, 24, died Friday, May 12, 2000, at 11:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1995. He participated in Special Olympics, winning awards in track and field and bowling.

He was born Aug. 29, 1975, in Auburn.

Surviving are father and stepmother, Kelly D. and Emily K. Carnahan of Butler; his mother and stepfather, Debra L. and Jerry L. Brown of Butler; a grandmother, Joan Chancellor of Butler; grandparents, Larry and Shirley Houser of Butler and K. Dwight Sr. and Phyllis Carnahan of Butler; a brother, Kris Carnahan of Butler; a stepbrother, Todd Brown of Edgerton, Ohio; a half-sister, Andrea Brown of Butler; a step-sister, Tina Brown of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Kara Carnahan of Butler; and step-sisters Jenny Collins of Angola and Jo Dee Collins of Auburn.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Ken Carnahan will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center in Auburn.

William Mast

MIDDLEBURY — William S. Mast, 85, of Middlebury, died Friday, May 12, 2000, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Mast was a farmer who lived his entire life on the same farm, and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 2, 1915, in LaGrange County to Sam J. and Anna (Schrock) Mast. On Dec. 12, 1939, in Elkhart County, he married Ida Kauffman, and she preceded him in death June 18, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Perry E. (Barbara) Miller and Wilma King, both of Middlebury, and Mrs. Clarence (Frieda) Gingerich of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Ora and Barbara Ann Mast of Middlebury; 22 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Little Hochstetler, Susie Miller and Fannie Mast; four brothers, Abe, Amos, Joe and Samuel Mast; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at the family's home at 11040W — 100S, Middlebury, with Bishop LeRoy Lehman, the Rev. Dean Gingerich and the Rev. Floyd Miller officiating.

Calling will be after noon on Sunday and all day Monday at the family's home. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Rosa St. Clare

HURON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Rosa Herczeg St. Clare, 81, died Wednesday, May 10, 2000.

She was a member of Eastern Star in Plymouth, Mich.

She was born Jan. 3, 1919, in Lorain, Ohio, to Joseph and Theresa (Gerely) Herczeg.

She married Kenneth St. Clare on Oct. 31, 1951, in

Auburn. He died in 1974.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Kris Ann St. Clare, in 1980; Joe Villani, her loving companion for more than 25 years; four brothers, Joseph, Frank, John and Andrew; and one sister, Theresa Harris.

Surviving is a caregiver and friend, Larry Hayes of Williamsburg, Mich.

Services will be held Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m. in Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home Flat Rock, Mich. The Rev. Mark Raitz of Henry Ford Downriver Hospice will officiate. Cremation will take place, with interment in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to multiple sclerosis charities or Henry Ford Downriver Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Dr. M. Gene Headley

ANGOLA — Services for Dr. M. Gene Headley, 67, of Angola, will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Angola United Methodist Church, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating.

Dr. Headley died Monday, May 15, 2000, in Angola.

He was a veterinarian and the owner of Grandview Veterinary Clinic of Angola.

He was a graduate of Edon, Ohio, High School and Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

He was a member of the American, Indiana and Northeast Indiana Veterinary Medical Associations and the Angola United Methodist Church. He was the only president of the Steuben County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

He was a member and chairman of the board of the Angola State Bank and Norwest Bank from 1979-97. He was a member of the Elmhurst Hospital and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital boards.

He was the first president and current treasurer of the Steuben County Antique Power Association. He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Steam and Gas Association, the National Thrashers Association and numerous musical box societies. He enjoyed his organs and calliope. He collected antique tractors and machinery and enjoyed sharing them with people.

He also was a life member of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

Dr. Headley was born April 28, 1933, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Earle Lavon and Dora (Lash) Headley.

On Aug. 15, 1954, he married Phyllis (Allomong) Headley, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Headley of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Kevin O'Brien of McHenry, Ill., Sara and Brent Thrasher of Avon, and Elizabeth and Mark Henry of Evansville; six grandchildren, Alison Headley, Matthew, Claire and Thomas O'Brien, Karie Thrasher and Patrick Henry; three sisters, Wanda Lee Cosper of Hamilton, Madonna Clairmont of Laguna Woods, Calif., and Cecelia Hinkle of Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church and the Steuben County Antique Power Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Richard P. James**, 70, died Wednesday. Services at noon Friday in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Wanda E. Moser**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Guy Alwood

AUBURN — Guy C. Alwood, 86, died Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 2 a.m. in his Auburn home.

He was a farmer and also worked at Dana Corp. until he retired in March 1974 with 25 years of service. He was an active church member all his life in Auburn, Florida and Tennessee, and was a deacon for 25 years. He lived 14 years in North Fort Myers, Fla., and six years in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Mr. Alwood was born July 26, 1913, in DeKalb County to Claude and Mabel (Aldrich) Alwood.

He married Rozella Mercer on Feb. 6, 1938, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Colleen Alwood of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ronald and Martha Alwood of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannette and Phil Banta of Palmetto, Fla., and Shirley and Gene Link of Auburn; one brother, Virgil Alwood of Riverview, Fla.; one sister, Irene Wise of Anderson; nine grandchildren, Jeff Moore, Dawn Walters, Tim Alwood, Ronald Lee Alwood, Brenda (Shannon) Geiser, Eric Banta, Lisanne Migyanko, Jackie Link

and Valeria Lesh; and 14 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Carolyn Shannon, and one sister, Helen Jeannette Alwood, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, on West Eighteenth Street, with calling after 10 a.m. John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Jack Glass**, 58, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jerry L. Steigerwald**, 64, died Thursday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. today in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. No calling.

SYRACUSE — **Alta R. Darr**, 90, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Georgia Blair

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Georgia Blair, 82, died Thursday, May 18, 2000, at New Albany Healthcare, Columbus.

A homemaker, Mrs. Blair was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Burning Springs, Ky., to Ella and Lizzie (Montgomery) Hayes.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William, on Nov. 11, 1986; a son, Dr. Russell Blair, on Nov. 10, 1994; a daughter, Phyllis Bushman, on Jan. 17, 1977; and five brothers.

Surviving are a grandson and great-grandson, Sean Blair and Samuel Joseph Blair, both of Columbus; three sisters, Margaret Hacker of Cincinnati, June Abner of Annville, Ky., and Alice Abner of Hamilton, Ohio; and three brothers, Calvin, Robert and E.J. Hayes, all of Kentucky.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. There will be no calling.

J. Quentin Smith

FORT WAYNE — J. Quentin Smith, 89, died Friday, May 19, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was born April 30, 1911, in Winchester to Harry A. and Cora Belle (Smith) Smith. He married Ruth Stryker on February 23, 1946. She survives.

Mr. Smith graduated from Wabash College in 1934. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and belonged to the Angola American Legion Post 31. He had worked as a purchasing agent at ARO Corporation in Angola. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Angola, the Angola Masonic Temple, the Knights Templar and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne. He was a former president of the Angola Rotary Club and had served as president of the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District for more than 20 years.

He is survived by two sons, Douglas of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jeff Smith of Angola; a brother, Bernard, of Clearwater, Fla.; and one sister, Jean Graham of Lynchburg, Va.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger A. and Harry A.; and one sister, Ruth E. Rowles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert McCann officiating. Calling is from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Congregational Church of Angola, the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester, and the Steuben County Humane Society.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich. Military graveside services begin at 2 p.m. Indiana time Monday.

Laura Goings

AUBURN — Laura L. Goings, 87, of Auburn, died Friday, May 19, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born September 5, 1912, in St. Joe to Roy and Ida (Washler) Keller. She married Clarence E. Goings on September 6, 1930.

Mrs. Goings was a wedding caterer for 25 years. She loved to fish, and was a great cook and pie baker. She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church and a past president of the Home Demonstration and Homemakers Club.

Surviving are two sons, DuWayne and Dale, both of Auburn; two daughters, Delores Madajewski and Donna Greenfield, both of Auburn; and one brother, Earl Keller, also of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one granddaughter, Kelly Mossberger.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the central nurses station at Betz Nursing Home.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Edward A. "Big Ed" Lothamer, 76, died Friday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the rosary being said at 7 p.m.

MILFORD — David DeWayne Bradley, 42, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Kenneth Jansky

JUSTICE, Ill. — Kenneth G. Jansky, 70, died Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 9:35 p.m. in his Justice, Ill., home.

Mr. Jansky was a mortician for 35 years with the Blake Lamb Funeral Home in Chicago. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a member of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church in Hickory Hills, Ill.

He was born Feb. 2, 1930, in Illinois to Kenneth George and Frances (Timm) Jansky.

He married his wife, Roberta, on July 7, 1958. She died Aug. 17, 1977.

Surviving him are a stepson, Gary Westerman of Illinois; a sister, Patricia Hutchinson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two brothers, Herbert Arnold of Palos Hills, Ill., and Richard Arnold of Chicago; five nieces, Karen Brown of Waterloo, Cherrie Nelson of Auburn, Beverly McDowell of Akron, Ohio, and Marina Marble and Michelle Kirch, both of Arizona; three nephews, Kenneth Arnold of Fort Wayne,

Mike Arnold of Angola and Dennis Arnold of Auburn; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Lois Guthrie, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, and Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate at the Sunday service. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery. There is no calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Surfus

GARRETT — Betty Florence Surfus, 70, died Monday, May 22, 2000, at 9:14 a.m. in her home on East Keyser Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Surfus was a homemaker and a lifelong Garrett resident.

She was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Garrett to Silas and Marceile (Housell) McCosh.

She married Richard S. Surfus on Aug. 8, 1953, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Randy, Paul and Tony, all of Garrett; two brothers, Paul McCosh of Auburn and James McCosh of Waterloo; one sister, Dorothy Gall of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Andrew Hagle officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or DeKalb County Hospice.

Florence Lemons

BRYAN, Ohio — Florence Lemons, 97, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Lemons worked at Ohio Art as a cleaning lady, at Synco, and at Bryan Thread Factory for many years. She formerly lived in Bryan, Ohio.

She was born July 8, 1902, in Ohio City, Ohio, to Johan and Ellie (Bowers) Butler.

She married Forest L. Lemons on Nov. 29, 1919, in Adrian, Mich.. He died in 1980.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roy and Kay Lemons of Harrisville, Mich., James and Joan Lemons of Bryan, and Jerry and Valinoa Lemons of Sherwood, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Wayne Parsell of Forrest, Ohio, Betty and Harold Clark of Grover Hill, Ohio, and Nancy and Ronald Brown of Butler; 21 grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Elenor Morey and infants Isabelle and Imogene Lemons; two sisters, Ethel High

and Lillie Neats; and a brother, Winford Butler.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Bryan Chapel in Bryan. The Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Madelon Woodard

ANGOLA — Madelon M. Woodard, 90, an Angola resident since 1933, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Woodard was a housekeeper and baby sitter. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Norwick, N.Y., to Francis and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Prime.

There are no known survivors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle, on Nov. 22, 1973; a stepdaughter, Sharron Greer; and a brother, George Prime Sr.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Gary Strock

SAVANNAH, Tenn. — Gary Strock, 55, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, in the Medical Center of Manchester in Manchester, Tenn.

He lived in Savannah, Tenn., and formerly lived in Auburn. He was an auto salesman. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and Air Guard, and was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Strock was born June 7, 1944, in Auburn to Ernest and Doris (Sharp) Strock. His father survives in Leo-Cedarville. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Brad Schilling of Auburn; two brothers, Kevin and Randy, both of Crossville, Tenn.; a sister, Rita Walter of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Emily, Logan and Parker Schilling.

Graveside services will be held

Friday at 4 p.m. in Mount Zion Cemetery, at Golden Lake in Steuben County. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — Delores Jean Kistler, 64, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Graveside services at noon Thursday in Huntington.

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Deaths/Funerals

Tommy Gallant

HAMILTON — Tommy Lee Gallant, 49, died Monday, May 22, 2000, at 10:31 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital at Angola, after apparently suffering a heart attack.

He was employed at Fisher Automatic in Bryan, Ohio. He was formerly employed by General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, and the Hicksville, Ohio, police department. He was a former member of the Defiance County Mounted Sheriff's Posse. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

Mr. Gallant was born July 1, 1950, in Defiance, Ohio, to Leon and Vera (Smith) Gallant. They survive in Defiance.

He married Brenda Nester in 1988 in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are four daughters, Kerrie Gallant of Montpelier, Ohio, Tonya Gallant of Bryan, Casey Gallant of Fort Wayne and Kodee Gallant, at home; two brothers, Gary Gallant of Defiance and Jeffrey Gallant of Decatur; three sisters, A. Jean Johnson, Shirley Deitrick and Janie Grant, all of Defiance; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Evansport Cemetery in Evansport, Ohio, with military services by the Defiance post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is today after 6 p.m. and Thursday after 9 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Doris Carsten

MUNCIE — Doris Marie Carsten, 83, a Muncie resident since 1993, died Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at the Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center, where she had been a patient the past four years.

She had been a resident of Waynedale until 1982, when she and her husband started spending their summers at their Jimmerson Lake residence and winters at their Fort Myers, Fla., home.

She was a former member of the Roanoke chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church and the Lord of Life Church, both of Fort Wayne. She had been employed in the personnel office of Fort Wayne Community Schools for eight years and had worked at the L.S. Ayres store at Southtown Mall, Fort Wayne. She was a 1935 graduate of Lafayette Central High School in

Allen County.

She was born Dec. 22, 1916, in Allen County to Fred and Orpha (Ott) Robinson.

On April 16, 1938, she married Allen Wayne Carsten, who survives in Muncie.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Jane Carsten of Fort Wayne; a daughter and brother-in-law, Janet and Ron Penrod of Muncie; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Virgil and Val Robinson of Paradise, Calif., and Wayne and Helen Robinson of Fort Wayne; a sister, Esther Cunningham of Sun City, Fla.; and four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Elzey Haggard Funeral Home, Waynedale, with Pastor Marilyn Gerbert officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bird Sanctuary in the Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are being made by Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, Portland.

Brenda Shumaker

SOUTH BEND — Brenda Shumaker, 50, died May 13, 2000, from an extended illness. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 18, 1950, to Fred and Dixie Tackett. They survive in Urbana, Ind.

She was married for 26 years to Gary Shumaker, a former Ashley resident, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Nicholas, Brian and Kevin, all of South Bend; one brother, Randy Tackett of the Wabash area; two sisters, Theresa Tackett and Tammy Tackett, both of the Wabash area; and her father- and mother-in-law, Don and Helen Shumaker of Ashley.

Services were held May 16 in South Bend.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Linton Barger

AUSTIN, Ind. — Linton Barger Sr., 66, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, at Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He was a laborer at Cummins and lived in Austin, in Scott County.

Mr. Barger was born Aug. 30, 1933, in Saul, Ky., to Clay and Clara (Smith) Barger. His mother survives in Austin.

Also surviving him are his wife, Rena Morris Barger; three daughters, Bonita Campbell of Auburn, Pamula Proctor of Seymour and Sonya Albaugh of Scottsburg; one son, Linton Barger Jr. of Austin; three brothers, Gardner Barger of Scottsburg, Cecil Barger of Commiskey, and Clable Barger of Austin; two sisters, Mary E. Liggett of Indianapolis and Janice Moore of Austin; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held today in Buchanan Funeral Home, Austin. Burial was in Spurgeon Cemetery.

Betty Shilling

FORT WAYNE — Betty C. Shilling, 75, died Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 3:43 p.m. at her home on Gump Road, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shilling was a homemaker and resided in Fort Wayne for 38 years.

She was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Garrett to Walter C. and Mabel Treesh.

She married Roy E. Shilling on Oct. 20, 1942, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Nancy Neufield and Carol Trussell, both of Lake George, Mich., Laura Klotz of Churubusco, and Arlene Carper of Fort Wayne; three sons, Richard Shilling of Garrett, and Allen Shilling and Jeffrey Shilling, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Melvin Treesh of Garrett and Robert T. Treesh of Fort Wayne; a sister, Florence Brown of Alabama; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Christopher Shilling, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Richard Shilling officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

William Platter

NEW HAVEN — William F. Platter, 85, of New Haven, died Monday in his residence.

He was born in New Haven and retired in 1972 as an inspector at International Harvester after 40 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda K. Bohde of New Haven, Panda L. Larimore of Fort Wayne, and Nancy J. Schueller of Angola; two sons, Thomas W. Platter of Kendallville, and William J. Platter of Woodburn; two sisters, Virginia Staley and Margaret Wells, both of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 53 great-grandchildren.

His wife, Elizabeth, preceded him in death in 1993.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial and military graveside rites by American Legion Post 330 will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is two hours before services.

Memorials are to Children with Diabetes in care of Garrett State Bank, 811 Mill Lake Road, Fort Wayne 46845.

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Deaths/Funerals

Florence Berndt

BUTLER — Florence L. Berndt, 77, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at 1:20 p.m. in her son's home in Fremont.

Mrs. Berndt was a custodian for 22 years for the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District. She lived in Butler and was a 50-year member of Forest Chapter 44 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 19, 1922, in Garrett to Arthur H. and Sarah Anne (Foster) Woodcock. They preceded her in death.

She married Milton "Hank" Berndt on Jan. 10, 1943, in Garrett. He died Aug. 7, 1971.

Surviving her are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Paul and Arlene Berndt of Piscataway, N.J., Larry and Martha Berndt of Fremont, Craig Berndt of Auburn, Curtis and Carla Berndt of Fremont, and Terry and Lori Berndt of Auburn; two brothers, Ralph Woodcock of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Roger Woodcock of Corunna; two sisters, Patricia Sutton of Fort Wayne and Margaret Truman of Glendora, Calif.; two grandchildren, Daryl Berndt of Angola and Kathy Byrne of Boston, Mass.; and two stepgrandchildren, Summer and Matthew Maier of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey Berndt; two brothers, Alfred Woodcock and Arthur Woodcock; and two sisters, Edith Miller and Charlotte Shutt.

Services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the church.

Additional calling will be Saturday from noon-1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Homrighausen Funeral Home in Dover, Ohio. Burial will be at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Maple Grove Cemetery, Dover.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or Steuben County Hospice.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Forbes

ASHLEY — Jerry D. Forbes, 56, of Ashley died Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

Mr. Forbes had worked at Dana Corp. (now Eaton Corp.) for 30 years, retiring in April 1999. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966, and was a member of UAW Local 164.

He was born May 23, 1944, in Sturgis, Mich., to Clarence and Gladys (Zaner) Forbes.

He married Marilyn Durst on Oct. 5, 1968, in Ashley. She died Feb. 18, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Garry Forbes of Hicksville, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Ken Fenker of Leo, Jodi and Tom Grever of Kansas City, Mo., and Maria and Doug Geese of Huntertown; two brothers, Arthur Forbes of Pleasant Lake and James Forbes of Ashley; and four grandchildren, Katie, Matthew and Amanda Fenker, and Hanna Marie Geese.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Keith and Duane Forbes; and a sister, Rheta Forbes.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Madelon Woodard

ANGOLA — Madelon M. Woodard, 90, an Angola resident since 1933, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Woodard was a housekeeper and baby sitter. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Norwick, N.Y., to Francis and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Prime.

There are no known survivors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle, on Nov. 22,

1973; a stepdaughter, Sharron Greer; and a brother, George Prime Sr.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) Sunday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Coldwater, Mich. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Jordon Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Lewis Dibble

AUBURN — Lewis G. Dibble, 69, died Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 6:04 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Dibble worked in the maintenance department at Byron-Health Care Center, Fort Wayne, for 26 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Titusville, Pa.

Surviving him are two daughters, Amanda Riley of Auburn and Rita Dibble of Fort Wayne; three sons, Barry and Chris, both of Auburn, and Damon of North Carolina; one brother, Gordon Dibble of Fort Wayne; one sister, Helen Gibson of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

DeLos McConnell

WATERLOO — DeLos F. McConnell, 84, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at 12:45 p.m. in rural Waterloo.

He was an eight-year employee of the Indiana State Highway Department, retiring in 1977.

Mr. McConnell was born Feb. 29, 1916, in LaGrange County.

Surviving him are his wife, Avona E. McConnell; one son, Marvin McConnell of Hamilton; a daughter, Rita Ann Howe of Inverness, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Connie Smith, Lillian Sanders, Debra McConnell, Sindy Hopkins, Kim Edger, Pam Creager, Delmar McConnell and Steve Howe; 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Gerald and Lyn McConnell; one granddaughter, Connie Shannon; two brothers and five sisters.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with Minister Dale Rabineau officiating. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Tawdul

FORT WAYNE — Joseph Michael Tawdul, 31, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, at Put-In-Bay, Ohio.

A native of Fort Wayne, he worked with Bricklayers Labor Union 213.

Surviving are his companion, Deb Clark; a daughter, Bianca Kay Tawdul of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Jane and Ron Ehrmann of Fort Wayne; his father, Joseph Tawdul of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Gina and Albert Anderson of Garrett, and Lisa Tawdul of Angola; a brother, Matthew Tawdul of Angola; and his grandmother, Anne Huesner of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 6 p.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with calling there from 3-6 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Bianca Kay Tawdul Trust Fund.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Katie M. Strawser, 74, died Tuesday. Graveside services at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling 9-11 a.m. Friday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ferrold Maggart, 84, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — Clara Dorothy Bower, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

SYRACUSE — Fredetta F. Money, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Zion Lutheran Church with calling there 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

DeLoss Metcalf

AUBURN — DeLoss L. "Dee" Metcalf, 86, died Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 2:55 p.m. in his daughter's home in Auburn.

Mr. Metcalf was a self-employed barber for 39 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214.

He was born Sept. 26, 1913, to Frank and Laura (Gilmore) Metcalf.

He married Maxine Farrington on June 25, 1939. She died Aug. 11, 1985.

Surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet (Rieke) Detrick and Robert Detrick of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Lora Rieke, Grant Detrick, Nicole Detrick and Taya Miller; and three great-grandchildren, Dalton Rieke, Audrey Cserep and Nieghann Miller.

A daughter, Connie Detrick, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 will conduct a service Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Joan Roberts

COLDWATER, Mich. — Joan C. Roberts, 68, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived in Coldwater, Mich. She was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

Mrs. Roberts was born Nov. 12, 1931, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her husband, Jack J. Roberts; one daughter, Cheryl Horstman of Angola; three sons, Phillip Hockemeyer, Steven Hockemeyer and Todd Hockemeyer, all of Indianapolis; one stepdaughter, Kathy Timberlake of

Edith Stauffer

GRABILL — Edith Walton Stauffer, 83, died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a receptionist with H&R Block for 17 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Garrett.

She was born in Fort Wayne and lived in Grabill.

Surviving are her husband, Earl D. Stauffer; three daughters,

Annette Brandenburg of Auburn, Sandra Adams of Elkhart and Patricia Bengs of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Nancy Divelbiss of Leo and Nancy Slater of La Crosse, Wis.; one brother, Earl Hambrock of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mickie Iannucilli of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph "Ray" Walton, in 1987; a stepdaughter, Jeannine Overson in 1998; a grandson, Dean Brandenburg in 1996; and two brothers, William and Lawrence Hambrock.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday after 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

West Lafayette; three stepsons, Thomas Roberts of Rye, N.Y., Michael Roberts of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Steven Roberts of Plano, Texas; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Donald Clibon, and a sister, Ruth Clibon, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Evans Scholarship Fund.

Mary Johnson

ANGOLA — Mary Lavonne Johnson, 94, died Thursday, May 25, 2000, at 2:20 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Johnson worked in the Marion community school system's cafeteria for 17 years. She was a member of the Marion Church of Christ. She formerly lived in rural Angola and loved

flowers and gardening.

She was born Dec. 17, 1905, in Cicero to the late Anthony and Bertha (Guinert) Fetty.

She married Archie L. Johnson in 1926. He died in 1989.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Lee Roy and Karen Johnson of Angola; a daughter, Iva Lou Rinearson of Bowling Green, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard Lee Johnson, preceded her in death in 1967.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Needham-Story Funeral Chapel, Marion, with the Rev. Rick Jett officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Marion Church of Christ, or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road #112, Indianapolis IN 46268.

Donald Wilder

HUDSON — Donald Wilder, 69, of Hudson, died at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Orland on July 19, 1930, to Sylvester and Nancy (Wilson) Wilder. Mr. Wilder, a Steuben County resident, was a retired self-employed laborer.

Surviving are three sisters, LaVera Menke of Fort Wayne, Kathryn Craven of Edon, Ohio, and Evelyn (Northup) Walburn of Howe; a brother, Sam Wilder of Hudson; and nieces and nephews.

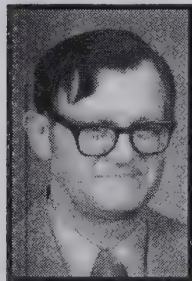
Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in East Springfield Cemetery, rural LaGrange, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating.

Calling is from noon until 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Deaths/Funerals

Mark Chrysler

ANGOLA — Mark K. Chrysler, 73, of Angola, died Saturday, May 20, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.



Chrysler

Mr. Chrysler was a farmer. He served 39 years in Steuben County government as a member of the Steuben County Council and as the Steuben Township trustee.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church and the church board; Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236; York Rite Bodies; Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star; Pleasant Lake Lions Club; and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was a member of the Steuben County Red Cross board and was a 30-gallon blood donor. He also was a member of the Steuben County 4-H board and conservation board. He served on many other county boards and was a volunteer for the Steuben County Council on Aging.

He was born July 22, 1926, in Angola to Claude and Zelda (Tee-garden) Chrysler.

On Dec. 12, 1951, he married Mary (Liberatore) Chrysler, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Raymond Chrysler of Angola; two daughters, Denise Chrysler of Lansing, Mich., and Sharon Harden of Iron Mountain, Mich.; two brothers, Jack and Richard Chrysler, both of Angola; four grandchildren, David Adamsons, Sara Chrysler and Chandra Nierman, all of Angola, and Christopher Gokee of Iron Mountain; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche, Dr. Bob Koenig, Joseph Everly and Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe

officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Lions Club service.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Hilda Keefer

GARRETT — Hilda M. Keefer, 88, died Saturday, May 20, 2000, at 6:15 a.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Keefer had been a Garrett resident for 50 years. She worked as a secretary at Messenger Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1979. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its Rosary Society.

She was born May 11, 1912, in Auburn to Henry and Louisa (Berg) Harris.

On May 3, 1941, she married Donald "Joseph" Keefer in Auburn. He died Nov. 17, 1988.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Dale, John and Roy Harris.

She is survived by a son, Thomas Keefer of Rome City; a daughter, Karen Salerno of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Kirk Salerno of New Haven and Chad Keefer of Muncie; two granddaughters, Andrea Schenkel of Fort Wayne and Shellie Keefer of Kendallville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be Tuesday in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. A rosary service will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or masses.



Keefer

Deaths/Funerals

John Zimmer

AUBURN — John E. Zimmer, 71, of Auburn, died Friday, May 26, 2000, at 12:14 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zimmer was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War III. He retired from Dana Corp. in Auburn in 1987 after 37 years of service.

He was born in Chicago on June 25, 1928, to Harrold Zimmer and Mary Keller Griffith.

He married Beverly Laux in Spencerville on March 27, 1954, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Harry Zimmer of Waterloo, Bill Zimmer of Knoxville, Tenn., and John Zimmer of Flat Rock; one daughter, Helen Mary Eberts of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother, Bill Zimmer of California, one sister, Margaret Fiandt of Baton Rouge, La.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Zimmer, a daughter, Elizabeth Zimmer, and a brother, Harrold Zimmer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Shirley Stice

LITTLETON, Colo. — Shirley Ann Stice, 63, of Littleton, died Thursday, May 25, 2000, in Englewood, Colo.

Mrs. Stice was a food service cook. She was born Feb. 24, 1937, in Auburn.

She married Clayton L. Stice on July 1, 1976, in Las Vegas, Nev., and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Porter of Dallas; a brother, Daniel Grogg of Rochester, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fort Logan National Cemetery, staging area

Ralph Hart

AMHERST TOWNSHIP, Ohio — Ralph Brice Hart, 78, of Amherst Township, Ohio, died Sunday, May 14, 2000, at Wade Park Veterans Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, following a two-week illness.

He was born Sept. 23, 1921 in Hudson. He moved to Amherst, Ohio, from Kendallville 54 years ago.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry, he served as a staff sergeant, receiving the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and the European, African and Middle Eastern theater ribbons with two bronze stars.

He worked at Oberlin College for 38 years, retiring in 1983 as carpenter foreman. He enjoyed camping, fishing, woodworking and golf.

He was a member of St. Peter United Church of Christ, where he formerly served as deacon and usher.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 12, Elyria, Ohio. He was a life member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 32nd Degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland, Al Koran Shrine in Cleveland, Lorain County Shrine Club and Fire Brigade and the Good Sam Country Road Camping Club 47. He was past master of the Stonington Masonic Lodge 503, Amherst, past patron of the Stone City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and high priest of the Royal Arch 219, Oberlin, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Vera Mae (Schubert); a daughter, Barbara Couture of St. Paul, Minn.; two brothers, Jack of Kendallville and Gailen of Columbia City; a sister, Dixie Hunter of Wolcottville; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, James A. Hart, in 1995; two brothers, Douglas and Carroll Dean Hart; and two sisters, Ilene Mock and Connie Gruber.

Masonic services were held May 17 at the Hempel Funeral Home in Amherst. Funeral services were held there May 18 with the Rev. David Gross, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, presiding. Burial was in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township.

Memorials are to the Al Koran Endowment Fund or the Al Koran Fund Transportation Fund, 1000 E. Edgerton Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147, or to St. Peter United Church of Christ, 582 Church St., Amherst, OH 44001.

Martha Amerman

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Jean Amerman, 73, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 25, 2000, at

8:37 p.m. at Parkview Noble hospital.

She was a bookkeeper for Amerman's Antiques and a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86, the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Post 2749, and the Noble County Demonstration Club. She was a past president of the Farmerettes.

She was born March 8, 1927, in Noble County to Lyle and Maudena (Deter) Mulholland.

On April 5, 1946, she married Ben Amerman, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharon Fogel of Warren, Mich., Marilyn and Larry Danner of Kendallville, and Barbara and Tim Mobley of Wawaka; four sisters, June Brown, Marilee Obendorf and Shirley Blevins, all of Auburn, and Margaret Patton of Mousie, Ky.; five grandchildren, Kelli Danner of Kendallville, Archie and Ben Mobley of Wawaka, Michelle Kedzior of Warren, Mich., and Naomi Mussmen of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry W. Amerman, and a brother, James Mulholland.

A memorial service will be held at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Sunday at 7 p.m. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 86.

Dora Cornell

EDGERTON — Dora L. Cornell, 92, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at Hillside Country Living near Bryan, Ohio.

The homemaker was a Fort Wayne native who had worked at Spangler Candy Co., Oak Manufacturing, Airline Packing and Superior Spark Plug. She was a member of the Railroad Gang retirement group and Edgerton United Methodist Church. She was a member of Bryan Chapter 248 Order of the Eastern Star, a member and past worthy matron of Chapter 14 Order of the Evening Star, and recently received a 70-year membership pin.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanice Harrold of Butler; a stepdaughter, Ruth Lutz of Willard, Ohio; two sons, Jim Wrinkle of Bryan, Ohio, and Bob Wrinkle of Edgerton; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Vearl Wrinkle, her second husband, Clarence Cornell, and a brother.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. today at Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the church or Bryan Chapter 248 Order of the Eastern Star.

Ernest Schwartz

BERNE — Ernest W. "Ernie" Schwartz, 84, of Berne, Ind., died Thursday, May 25, 2000, at Chalet Village there.

The Adams County native was a retired building contractor and a member of First Mennonite Church and Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Jocelyn Blum and Amy Troutman, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Ted W., of Berne; three sisters, Virginia Sprunger of Elkhart, Anna J. Gilliom of Bluffton and Gertrude Kropa of Centerville, Mass.; two stepsisters, Roselyn Kuhn of Angola and Colleen Allmandinger of Berne; a half-brother, the Rev. Larry of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, a brother and a step-brother.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Mennonite Church, Berne. Burial will be at M.R.E. Cemetery there.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church Missions or TV Ministry of First Baptist Church in Portland.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Helen E. Mayhew, 59, died Thursday, May 25, 2000. Services are Sunday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling is there Sunday from noon-3 p.m.

Deaths & Funerals

George Rothgeb Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — George M. Rothgeb Sr., 84, of Kendallville, died at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2000, at his residence. He had been in failing health for one year.

Mr. Rothgeb was a carpenter in the home building trade, a member of the former Civilian Conservation Corps, a lifetime member of Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville, a member of the Moose Lodge's 50-year club and an avid fisherman.

He was born Aug. 2, 1915, in Hoagland, Ind., to Harvey and Leila (Ruhl) Rothgeb.

He married Frances O. Wood in Fort Wayne on Dec. 16, 1935. She died Feb. 22, 1998.

Surviving are: a daughter, Leila L. Pratt of Kendallville; three sons, Marion Russell Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, George Rothgeb Jr. of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Francis Gale Rothgeb, of Marshall, Texas; a sister, Alice Wiehe of Monroeville; a brother, Howard Rothgeb of Rome City; seven grandchildren

and 11 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Betty, preceded him in death.

No funeral services and or calling will be held.

Burial will be at a later date in Hoagland Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Maxine Swartzell

LIGONIER — Maxine L. Swartzell, 84, of Ligonier, died at 9:24 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2000, in Kingston of Ligonier where she had resided since February 1999.

Mrs. Swartzell had been employed as a sales clerk at Ziesel's Department Store in Elkhart until her retirement in the late 1980s.

She had resided in Elkhart, Niles, Mich., and Ligonier during her lifetime.

On Nov. 19, 1915, she was born in Wakarusa, Ind., the daughter of Dale and Ethel (Moore) Smeltzer.

Surviving are: a son, James

L. Swartzell of Windsor, Conn.; a sister, Marjorie (Galloway) Kimball of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Jennifer (Mrs. Tony) Daniels of Aurora, Ill., and Amy Swartzell of Windsor, Conn.; a great-grandson, Anthony James Daniels; and two nieces, Susan Franks and Diane Ward.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor David Brandts officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — Harlan Alvin Ditmars, 83, of Goshen, died Thursday. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen.

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Deaths/Funerals

James Bandy Sr.

AUBURN — James F. Bandy Sr., 82, died Sunday, May 28, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Bandy was a Realtor and real estate appraiser in Maryland. He was a master sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force, serving in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn, and Gideons International.

He was born July 17, 1917, in Spring Bluff, Mo., to John W. and Nora (Bates) Bandy.

He married Marie Davenport on June 15, 1951, in Camp Springs, Md., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James F. Bandy Jr. of Onley, Texas; two daughters, Susan Grate of Waterloo and Patricia Parker of Fort Worth, Texas; two brothers, John Bandy of Mountain View, Mo., and William Bandy of Arnold, Mo.; six sisters, Mable Sloan of Delaware, Okla., Bessie Terrill of Peverly, Mo., Muriel Gregory of Fenton, Mo., and Alene Fleener, Grace Bandy and Mary Beasley, all of Summersville, Mo.; and seven grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ray and Gene Bandy; and two sisters, Mildred Sullins and Cecil Robinson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Steven Ford

FREMONT — Steven E. Ford, 47, died Saturday, May 27, 2000, at 9:20 p.m. at his parents' home in Waterloo.

Mr. Ford worked on the Indiana Toll Road for 20 years and at Simpson Industries in Fremont for the last two years. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army and lived in Fremont.

He was born Dec. 18, 1952, in Garrett to Donald Dean and Thresa (Richter) Ford. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are his wife, Jeanne; one son, Justin Ford of Fremont; two daughters, Casey Ford and MicKinna M. Ford, both of Fremont; a stepson, Mark Cliffman of Fremont; two brothers, David Ford and Thomas Ford, both of Indianapolis; and one sister, Carol Nine of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate, with burial in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Norma Congleton

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Norma Congleton, 83, died Saturday, May 27, 2000, at 4:12 p.m. in Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville, where she had been a resident since Oct. 9, 1997.

Mrs. Congleton retired from Syncor Corp. in Hicksville in 1972.

She was born Nov. 8, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Ottis and Ruth (Straight) Mitchell.

She married Albert L. Congleton in 1947. He died June 1, 1985.

Surviving her are one son, Tony Congleton of Hicksville; one daughter, Barbara Evans of Angola; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Scott; one grandson, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 11 a.m. (Indiana time). Pastor Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Fountain Manor Care Center.

Joan Iddings

KENDALLVILLE — Joan H. Iddings, 76, of Kendallville, died at 3:45 p.m. Monday, May 29, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill approximately two weeks.

She was born in Kendallville Jan. 19, 1924, to Charles and Louise (Fritz) Haverfield. On Oct. 31, 1948, in Kendallville, she married Dallas H. "Buck" Iddings. He survives.

Mrs. Iddings was retired from Flint & Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, and a member and past president of American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary.

Also surviving are two sisters, Betty Newman of Kendallville, and Mary Katherine Likens of Hudson.

She was preceded in death by a son.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home,

Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before services.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Martha L. Ross, 76, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Jack Price

BUTLER — Jack Price, 71, died Tuesday, May 30, 2000, at 2:17 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Price retired from the Indiana Highway Department with 15 years of service.

He was born May 11, 1929, in Velda, Ky., to Robert and Vina (Moore) Price.

He married Evelyn Cooksey on Aug. 18, 1951, in Russell, Ky. She died Nov. 7, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Bruce of Pleasant Lake and Bert of Ashley; three daughters, Jacquelyn Richardson of Hamilton, Evelyn Jane Wicker of Butler and Veneese Hendricks of Sykesville, Md.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Clyde and John, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Joseph Grams

LIGONIER — Joseph Carl Grams, 86, a long-time Ligonier resident, died a 2:10 a.m. today, Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient the past two weeks after unexpectedly collapsing at his home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Marjory (Harlan) Grams; a daughter, Nancy Grams of Churubusco; and a son, Jerry Grams of Altona.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Sherry Brewis

STURGIS, Mich. — Sherry Jo (Dale) Brewis, 44, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, in Heartland Health Center in Three Rivers, Mich.

She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1974. She was a day care operator and did volunteer work for the Sturgis public schools. She was a member of the PTO at Wenzel Elementary School. She enjoyed sewing, camping, riding motorcycles and cooking.

She was born Feb. 26, 1956, in Angola.

Surviving her are two sons, Jonas Lynn Brewis and Alanpaul VanDenbosch, both at home; her parents, Walter and Shirley Dale of Coldwater, and Harold and Linda Jetmore of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff Lynn and Marcy Dale of Ashley; four half-sisters and brothers-in-law, Lisa and Larry Heral of Fort Wayne, Brenda and Randy Greer of Ashley, Karen and Banner Kidd of Pleasant Lake, and Cindy and George Tompkins of Auburn; a half-brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Jenifer Jetmore of Clear Lake; 12 nieces and 10 nephews, one great-niece and two great-nephews; a goddaughter, Kaylee Waldron of Sturgis; her companion, Dan Foster of Sturgis; and her best friend, Katherine Waldron of Sturgis.

Services were held at Hackman-Fogleson Funeral Home in Sturgis, with the Rev. Steven MacAfee officiating. A private committal of ashes will be held at a later date in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Jonas Brewis and Alanpaul VanDenbosch Trust Fund, in care of Key Bank, 205 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis MI 49091.

Alvin Richter

ANGOLA — Alvin C. Richter Sr., 95, of Crooked Lake, died Tuesday, May 30, 2000, in Angola.

Mr. Richter was owner-operator of OK Garage in Fort Wayne from 1923-70. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 16, 1904, in Fort Wayne to Emil P. and Alma E. (Kamm) Richter.

In 1927, he married Iva P. (McDonnell) Richter. She died Nov. 28, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl L. and Douglas

Kelly of Angola; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Alvin and Margaret Richter of Fort Wayne, and Terry and Ann Richter of LaGrange; 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Walter E. Richter on Feb. 22, 1996, and Paul E. Richter on Sept. 9, 1998; a sister, Clara A. Roembke; and two brothers, William and Edmund Richter.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Box 1102, Angola, IN 46703; or the American Heart Association, 5200 S. 225-W, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779.

Geraldine Miller

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. — Geraldine M. "Geri" Miller, 77, died Monday, May 29, 2000, in Big Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Miller was a graduate of Ashley High School. She lived in Lansing, Mich., and Kalamazoo, Mich., before moving to Big Rapids in 1956.

She was born May 20, 1923, in Ashley to Cecil and Ruth (Schaffer) Stoim.

She married Donald Miller on May 2, 1942, in Hudson, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Karen Miller of Sherman, Texas; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Helen and Van Ransburg of Hudson, Beverly and Robert Farver of Ashley, and Louann Miller of Farmington, Mich.; a grandson, Ryan Miller of Sherman; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at noon (Indiana time) at Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with the Rev. Robert Jones officiating. A graveside service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. John Kabes officiating.

Memorials are to Home Hospice of Mecosta County, Mich.

Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Louise North Enyart, 73, died Tuesday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Thursday in New Paris Cemetery. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **Catherine M. Knight**, 94, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday EDT in First Congregational Church, Three Oaks, Mich. Calling 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, and one hour before services at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Timothy G. McKerlie**, 34, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Cleofas Gomez**, 78, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SHIPSHEWANA — **George R. Musser**, 79, died Monday. No services. Calling 3-8 p.m. Friday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ronda Starkey

WATERLOO — Ronda E. Starkey, 78, died Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at 11:05 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

She was a teacher for 34 years in the Waterloo, Auburn and DeKalb Central schools, retiring in 1985. She lived at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn and formerly lived in Waterloo.

Mrs. Starkey was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Minerva Club of Waterloo and DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association. She was a former member of the Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library board of trustees.

She was born Dec. 21, 1921, in Defiance, Ohio, to Orville R.C. and Lottie L. (Wirick) Noffsinger.

She married Maurice Starkey on Dec. 25, 1947, in Defiance. He died July 18, 1985.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Donn R. and Connie Starkey of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ellen and Mark Heinselman of Marshalltown, Iowa; five grandchildren, Jason, Tyler and Aaron Starkey, and Carly and Lindsay Heinselman.

One brother, Orville Noffsinger Jr., preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Fannie Dyer

SHILOH, Ohio — Fannie Louise Dyer, 56, of Shiloh, Ohio, died May 25, 2000, in MedCentral/Shelby Hospital after a short illness.

She was born Oct. 22, 1943, in Risner, Ky., to Newton and Sina (Ousley) Davis. They survive in Waterloo. On July 11, 1975, she married Vernon Dyer. He survives.



Dyer

Mrs. Dyer was a 1962 graduate of Albion-Jefferson High School, Albion,

but had lived in Shiloh most of her life. She was in the Civil Air Patrol and was an Avon sales representative for the Shiloh area. She was a dedicated member of the Messiah House of Prayer Church in Shiloh, Ohio, and enjoyed gardening, canning and music.

Also surviving are three sons, Destry, Douglas and Christian Shepherd of Plainville, Ga.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Louise and Mitch Brownell of Willard, Ohio, Elizabeth Ann Dyer of Columbus and Regina Faye Dyer of Shiloh; three brothers, Burchel Davis and James Davis, both of Hicksville, and Virgil Davis of Angola; three sisters, Sylvia Faye Schneider of Kendallville, Mona Ewalt of Edgerton and Nelva Hawks of Brimfield; three grandchildren; seven nephews; and six nieces.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Ora-Lee Davis.

Services were held Sunday in Messiah House of Prayer Church in Shiloh with the Rev. Bill Howell officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Christopher Woods

SPENCERVILLE — Christopher James Woods, 14, died Monday, May 29, 2000, at his home on County Road 64, Spencerville.

He was an eighth-grade student at DeKalb Middle School, where he was active in sports. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo and loved hunting and fishing.



Woods

He was born June 24, 1985, in Wichita Falls, Texas. His father, Henry

Woods Jr., survives in Spencerville and his mother, Terry Lee Renfrow, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving him are one sister, Carol Woods of Woodburn; one stepbrother, Lyle Renfrow of Auburn; one stepsister, Stephanie Renfrow of Auburn; and his grandparents, Edith and Henry Woods Sr. of Spencerville, and Carroll Lee of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Grams

LIGONIER — Joseph Carl Grams, 86, a longtime resident of Ligonier, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient the past two weeks after collapsing unexpectedly at his residence.

He was born in Noble County Jan. 29, 1914, to Joseph and Ruby (Bortner) Grams. On Dec. 5, 1949, in Noble County, he married Marjory Harlan. She survives.

Mr. Grams grew up in the Albion area and graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School. He spent most of his married life in Ligonier. He was a former employee of Studebaker in South Bend and Essex Wire in Ligonier. He retired in 1977 from Goshen Rubber after 14 years. He was a member of the Ligonier Elks Club and the Ligonier Eagles.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancy Grams of Churubusco; a son, Jerry Grams of Altona; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Donald Isenbarger, former pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Georgia Ilene Green**, 66, died Tuesday. Services at noon Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there two hours before services.

LIGONIER — **Donald M. Patrick**, 35, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Rock of Ages Regular Baptist Church, Rome City. Additional services at 6 p.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

HUNTERTOWN — **Betty Jo "BJ" Galaz**, 62, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

LAGRANGE — Rachel May Halferty, 61, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

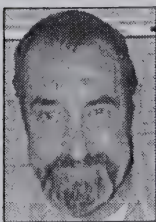
THE NEWS-SUN & THE EVENING STAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

John Harper Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — John Dorsey Harper, Jr., 63, died Saturday, June 3, 2000, at



Mr. Harper

Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harper lived in Kendallville most of his life and was employed as a truck driver. He was a member of the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1393 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

He was born May 17, 1937 in Columbia City, to John Dorsey Harper Sr., and Mabel Rena (Kessler) Harper. On Jan. 21, 1984 in Kendallville, he married Bonita Ruth Kelly; his wife survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel Ray of Albion, Johnny Allen of LaOtto and Michael L. of Auburn; three daughters, Wanetta L. Patell of Grabill, Sherry L. Johnson of Avilla and Kelly L. Poynter of Corunna; three stepchildren, Mary E. Brunger and Robert A. Adcox, both of Fort Wayne, and Cheryl E. Bolt of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and two brothers, Paul E. Harper of Kendallville and Harold E. Harper of Rome City.

Two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Calling will be

Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Memorials are to Washington House Treatment Center in Fort Wayne.

Ernest Dibert

TEKONSHA, Mich. — Ernest N. Dibert, 91, died Friday, June 2, 2000, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Dibert lived in LaOtto for 25 years after moving there from Bronson, Mich., and had lived with his son before residing in Butler. He was employed as an insurance salesman and auctioneer, and was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church and a 35-year member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple.

He was born Feb. 8, 1909, in Van Wert, Ohio, to John and Bessie (Newton) Dibert. He married Mary "Louise" Harlan in LaOtto, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sandra Taylor of Payne, Ohio, and Wanda Yoder of Gaithersburg, Md.; two sons, Richard of Union City, Mich., and Mark of Tekonsha; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Joseph, of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Edyth Dibert, his second wife, Bonita Dibert, two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with Pastor David Michael officiating. Calling will be Monday at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Tomlinson Cemetery, Van Wert.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Burn Unit.

Deaths/Funerals

Louanne Haywood

AUBURN — Louanne Haywood, 64, died Saturday, June 3, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haywood was a homemaker and lived in Auburn.

She was born April 21, 1936, in DeKalb County to Joseph and Zelda (Foster) Kessler.

She married Robert Haywood on Jan. 28, 1956, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert D. and Denise Haywood of Butler; four sisters, Millie Shultz of Florida, Teresa Young of Butler, and Marlene Wasson and Linda Harris, both of Auburn; four brothers, Joseph D. Kessler of Auburn, William Kessler and Keith Kessler, both of Butler, and James Kessler of West Liberty, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Leah and Lexie Haywood.

One sister, Isabelle Knapp, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Cooper

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Robert J. "Bob" Cooper, 77, died Saturday, June 3, 2000, at his Leo-Cedarville home.

Mr. Cooper was a foreman with County Line Cheese for 15 years, retiring in 1989. He previously worked for Joslin Steel Mill for 25 years, retiring in 1972. He was an avid outdoorsman. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of American

Legion Post 409 in Leo.

He was born Feb. 4, 1923, in Joliet, Ill.

He married his wife, Rosemary, on May 2, 1947, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Kyle Schultz of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Kim Cooper of Auburn, and Terry and Laura Cooper of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Mary Beck of Grabill, Carolyn Boggs of Bryant, Elsie Brandenburger of Fort Wayne and June Bishoff of Rome City; and nine grandchildren.

One brother, William G. Cooper Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post 409.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harlan Christian School or Beautiful Savior Lutheran School.

Ernest Dibert

TEKONSHA, Mich. — Ernest N. Dibert, 91, died Friday, June 2, 2000, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Dibert lived in LaOtto for 25 years after moving from Bronson, Mich., and had lived with his son before residing in Butler. He was employed as an insurance salesman and auctioneer, and was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church and a 35-year member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple.

He was born Feb. 8, 1909, in Van Wert, Ohio, to John and Bessie (Newton) Dibert.

He married Mary "Louise" Harlan in LaOtto, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sandra Taylor of Payne, Ohio, and Wanda Yoder of Gaithersburg, Md.; two sons, Richard of Union City, Mich., and Mark of Tekonsha; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Joseph, of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Edyth Dibert, his second wife, Bonita Dibert, two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with Pastor David Michael officiating. Burial will be in Tomlinson Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio.

Calling is today at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Masonic service will be conducted tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Burn Unit.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Leona B. Rowe**, 86, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Blanche E. Branning**, 78, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Leona Miller

CHURUBUSCO — Leona B. Miller, 76, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Churubusco, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2000, in her home.

She was born in LaGrange County on Feb. 21, 1924, to Charles and Bessie (Likes) Rhinesmith. She married Rollin Miller Sr. and he survives in Coldwater.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She attended the Baptist Church in Churubusco and the Missionary Church in Coldwater.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Don Hawver of Butler, Sandra and Jerry Boren of Auburn, and Ronda and Errol Creech of Churubusco; four sons and five daughters-in-law, Rollin Jr. and Charlene and Terry and Jeanine, all of Coldwater, Mike and Kathy Miller and Steve and Sandra Miller, all of Churubusco, and Joyce Miller of Garrett; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack and Bruce; a daughter, Lynette; three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, 3789 N. U.S. 33, Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ernest Dibert

TEKONSHA, Mich. — Ernest N. Dibert, 91, died Friday, June 2, 2000, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Dibert lived in LaOtto for 25 years after moving from Bronson, Mich., and had lived with his

son before residing in Butler. He was employed as an insurance salesman and auctioneer, and was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church and a member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple since 1935.

He was born Feb. 8, 1909, in Van Wert, Ohio, to John and Bessie (Newton) Dibert.

He married Mary "Louise" Harlan in LaOtto, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sandra Taylor of Payne, Ohio, and Wanda Yoder of Gaithersburg, Md.; two sons, Richard of Union City, Mich., and Mark of Tekonsha; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Joseph, of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Edyth Dibert, his second wife, Bonita Dibert, two sisters and three brothers.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with Pastor David Michael officiating. Burial was in Tomlinson Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Burn Unit.

Dollie Miller

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Dollie D. Miller, 97, of Angola and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Monday, June 5, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She also was a former resident of Brockville Commons, Fremont.

She worked at her family's farm on Duguid Road all her life.

She was born March 30, 1903, in Decatur to Shannon and Nannie (Johnson) Miller.

There are no immediate survivors. Several cousins survive.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Ray Ceme-

tery, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating.

Memorials are to a charity the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Deaths/Funerals

Annabelle Stafford

WATERLOO — Annabelle Stafford, 73, died Monday, June 5, 2000, at her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Stafford served as secretary-treasurer of Waterloo Press Inc. from 1958 until her death. She was a bus driver for the DeKalb Central United School District for 15 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born April 21, 1927, in Auburn to Gerald and Wilma D. (Zigler) Donaldson.

She married M.E. Gene Stafford on April 21, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Rick of Goshen, Randy of Waterloo, Reggie of Story Lake at Hudson, and Mike of Auburn; one daughter, Karen Badman of Kendallville; two sisters, Sharon Brown of Fort Wayne and Sue Dille of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

One brother, Jack Donaldson, and one grandson, Dennis Stafford, preceded her in death.

Private services will be held Friday at Victory Baptist Church in Waterloo with Pastor Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Athletic Association or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Gettys

EDGERTON, Ohio — Thomas DeWayne Gettys, 37, died Monday, June 5, 2000 at 10:20 p.m. in Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Gettys was a factory worker for eight years at Handy & Harmon in Angola. He served in the U.S. Navy for eight years and lived in Edgerton, Ohio, for 10 years. He was a member of the Big 3 Pool League.

He was born July 25, 1962, in Angola. His father, Lynn Thomas Gettys, survives in Monroeville and his mother, Sharon Kay (Harris) Fitzcharles, and stepfather, Vaughn L. Fitzcharles, survive in Edgerton.

Also surviving are two brothers and one sister-in-law, Michael Gettys of Edgerton, and Robert and Pam Gettys of Auburn; two stepbrothers and stepsisters-in-law, Craig and Teri Fitzcharles of Butler, and Mark and Pat Fitzcharles, also of Butler; one stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Tammy and Mark Hohler of Edgerton; and his maternal grandmother, Jessie Haifley of Angola.

A brother, Larry Gettys, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 5:30 p.m. Darrin K. Langford of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Henry Ferguson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Henry N. Ferguson, 81, died Monday, June 5, 2000, at 10:10 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Mr. Ferguson retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler in 1984. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born Jan. 1, 1919, in Sneedville, Tenn., to Raymond and Eliza Jane (Collins) Ferguson.

He married Helen R. Roberts on March 5, 1937, and they moved to the Hicksville area in 1961. She died Feb. 7, 1987.

Surviving him are one son, Roger Ferguson of Fort Wayne; one half-brother, Roose Collins of Sneedville; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Walter Hartman

KENDALLVILLE — Walter A. "Buster" Hartman, 75, of rural Kendallville, died unexpectedly at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2000, in his home.

He was born in Kendallville Aug. 8, 1924, to John and Gertrude (Trowbridge) Hartman. On Dec. 7, 1947, in Auburn, he married Dorothy Sherwood. She survives.

Mr. Hartman, a farmer, was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janice L. Hartman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Berniece Freeman of Garrett; and two brothers, Ralph Hartman and Harold Hartman, both of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Albert B. Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Eugene H. Geiger, 81, died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 11 a.m. until services.

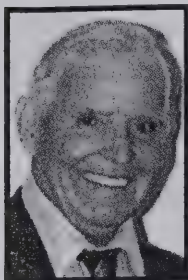
COLUMBIA CITY — Scott Jason Griffith, 27, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, Columbia City.

SYRACUSE — Julia M. Parker, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, Syracuse. Calling 5-7 p.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Graveside services Saturday in Hillsdale, Mich.

Deaths/Funerals

Clarence Fugate

DAYTON, Ohio — Clarence Fugate, 68, died Wednesday, June 7, 2000, in the Dayton VA Hospital at Dayton, Ohio.



Mr. Fugate

Mr. Fugate worked in the maintenance department at Auburn Foundry. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of American Legion Post 97, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Moose Lodge, all of Auburn.

He was born Aug. 9, 1931, in Blackwater, Va., to Rufus and Emily (Livesay) Fugate. His mother survives in Tennessee.

Also surviving are three sons, Alan Fugate of Auburn, and Terry Fugate and Rick Fugate, both of Garrett; a daughter, Karen Jerome of Yuma, Ariz.; his ex-wife, Helen Fugate; a half-brother, Larry Hubert of Indianapolis; two half-sisters, Linda of Cleveland, Ohio, and JoAnn of Washington, D.C.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A brother, James, a half-brother, Buster, and a great-grandchild,

Dakota, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Alan Fugate officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Neil Doty Jr.

FREMONT — Neil A. Doty Jr., 46, of Fremont, died Thursday, June 8, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Doty was employed at Epic Inc. of Angola. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion and was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

He was born May 18, 1954, in LaPorte to Neil A. Doty Sr. and Georgene (Heusi) Doty, who survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are two brothers, George and James Doty, both of Fremont; his paternal grandmother, Florence Doty of Fort Wayne; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Calling is from 4-7 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Francis R. Layson, 74, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Oston Roop Sr.

AUBURN — Oston Roop Sr., 82, died Friday, June 9, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Roop was employed by American Welding, retiring in 1982. He lived in Auburn in was a member of Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

He was born April 25, 1918, in DeKalb County to Mervin and Jenny Roop.

He married Grace Marie Weller on Sept. 30, 1939, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Oston Roop Jr. and Evelee Roop of Kendallville, Steven Roop and Sandra Cantway of Momence, Ill., and Michael Jay Roop of Anderson; one brother, Joe Roop of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Steven Chad Roop and Carrie Leigh Roop. Three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charlotte Hostetler

WAKARUSA — Charlotte J. Hostetler, 75, of Wakarusa, died at 6:14 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2000, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, following injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Mrs. Hostetler belonged to the Oak Grove Missionary Church, Wakarusa. She collected dolls and loved shopping at garage sales.

She was born May 15, 1925, in Mishawaka to Russell and Adalaide Ritter.

In June of 1944, she married Howard E. Hostetler. He died in 1976.

Surviving are her daughters, Dawn Long and Sharon Mettert, both of Auburn, Adalaide Doty of Wakarusa, Bonnie Hostetler of California, Gloria Wilson of Elkhart; her sisters, Pauline Peffley and Elsie Black, both of Avon, Fla.; a brother, Dean Bordner of South Bend; and 10 grandchildren, including Andrea and Laura, both of Auburn, Alisha of Auburn and Michael of Kendallville.

A son, Russell; two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Services for Mrs. Hostetler will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Bubb Funeral Chapel North, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka, with Rev.

Scott Nichols officiating. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. in Sauktown Cemetery, New Carlisle.

Calling is from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Monday in Bubb Funeral Chapel North.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, South Bend.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Margaret Berdina Sessler, 87, of Columbus, Ga., died Monday, June 5, 2000, in St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Ga. Graveside services Saturday at 1 p.m. in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Calling two hours before the service in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — Keith B. Martin, 84, died Friday, June 9, 2000, in his home in LaGrange. Private services. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — Roxie Modell Sheley, 89, died Thursday, June 8, 2000, at 8 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Kevin Stayner officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral service. Calling at the funeral home from 2-7 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

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Donald Colbart

AUBURN — Donald Paul Colbart, 83, of Auburn, died at 10 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 22, 1917 in Pleasant Lake to Charlie and Dessie (Miller) Colbart. He married Wilma (Brown) Farrell on Dec. 1, 1943, in Auburn. She survives.

Mr. Colbart was a bus driver for 14 years with the Short Way Line. He also worked as the service manager at L. G. Maxton auto dealership in

Angola, for 10 years. He built Hidden Valley Golf Course, also in Angola, and operated it for 10 years. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He is survived by three sons and daughter-in-laws, Byron and Janice Farrell of Godfrey, Ill., Doug and Linda Colbart of Huntington and Tim and Linda Colbart of Auburn; two daughters and son-in-laws, Janet and James Hamilton of Auburn and Suzan and Allen Armstrong of Rochester; one brother, Ted Colbart of Angola; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ned and Dean; one grandson, Mark Colbart; and one great-grandson, Adam Thompson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, Waterloo United Methodist Church, or Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia, Fla.

Wendy Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Wendy Janae Miller, 16, of Spencerville, died at 11:02 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2000, in an automobile accident on Ind. 1 near the DeKalb-Allen county line.

She was born Dec. 19, 1983, in Fort Wayne to Erv and Marie (Steury) Miller of Spencerville.

Miss Miller was a sophomore in The American Academy of Home Schoolers. She attended Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church, Harlan, where she was an active member of the youth group.

She is survived by her parents; two brothers, Shanan of Kendallville and Shaun of Spencerville; and grandparents Joe and Barb Miller of Centerville, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church, Harlan, with Pastor Dean Stoll officiating. Burial will be in Yaggie Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church.

Memorials are to Sunrise Chapel ministries.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Steury

SPENCERVILLE — Esther Steury, 70, of Spencerville, died at 11:02 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2000, in a car accident on Ind. 1 near the DeKalb-Allen county line.

She was born Aug. 4, 1929, in Grabill to Peter and Lydia (Graber) Graber. She married Enos Steury on Aug. 13, 1948, in Leo. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Mrs. Steury was a homemaker. She was a member of the Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church, Harlan.

Surviving are three sons and daughter-in-laws, Vernon and Debbie of Auburn, Marlin and Mona of Leo and Omer and Lori of Harlan; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie and Erv Miller of Spencerville, Janeen Byler of Auburn and Louetta Steury of Spencerville; three half brothers, Reuben Graber, Alvin Graber and Lavern Graber, all of Grabill; one half sister, Josephine Graber of Grabill, 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Steury; three sisters, Caroline Schwartz, Ema Graber and Anna Schmucker; one brother, Elmer Graber; and one granddaughter, Wendy Miller of Spencerville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church, Harlan, with Pastor Dean Stoll officiating. Burial will be in Yaggie Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church.

Memorial are to Sunrise Chapel Menonite Church.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Roxie Sheley

LAGRANGE — Roxie Modell Sheley, 89, died Thursday, June 8, 2000, at 8 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born to Clarence Chester and Ica Dora (Holzworth) Lung on July 25, 1910, in Noble County. She lived in LaGrange County most of her life after her marriage to Alfred Sheley Sr., on Aug. 29, 1930. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sheley worked at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville and Transagram Toys in Angola, and had been a Stanley Home Products representative. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick M. Sheley, Arizona, and Junior Sheley, Stroh; three daughters, Nancy Lambright, Ligonier, Linda Heltzel, LaGrange, and Joyce Allen, Angola; one brother, Warren Lung, Pearl, Miss.; two sisters, Carolyn Chiddister, Leesburg, and Frances Baird, Statesboro, Ga.; 18 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Johnson, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Kevin Stayner officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral service.

Calling will be in the funeral home from 2-7 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be given to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Deaths/Funerals

Sue Love

FORT WAYNE — Sue K. Love, 62, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 7:05 p.m. in her Fort Wayne home.

Mrs. Love was a cook at Crossroads Pantry, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Presbyterian Third United Church of Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 11, 1937, in Paulding, Ohio, to Raymond J. and Alvilda "Sally" (Carnahan) Williams. Her mother survives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and her father is deceased.

She married Albert D. Love on Jan. 25, 1955, in Columbia City. He died Dec. 15, 1985.

Surviving her are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sally and Steve Barlow of Ashley, and Martha and Manuel Gusman, Linda and Miguel Gusman, and Brenda Love, all of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Jacqueline Love of Fort Knox, Ky., and Robert and Julie Love of Fort Wayne; one brother, Joseph Williams of West Virginia; two sisters, Connie Wayman of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Kathie Caughlin of Atlanta, Ga.; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Daniel Williams, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Albert Hogue of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Esther Steury

SPENCERVILLE — Esther Steury, 70, of Spencerville, died Friday, June 9, 2000, at 11:02 a.m. in a highway collision on State Road 1 near the DeKalb-Allen county line.

Mrs. Steury was a homemaker. She was a member of the Sunrise Chapel Mennonite Church, Harlan.

She was born Aug. 4, 1929, in Grabill to Peter and Lydia (Graber) Graber.

She married Enos Steury on Aug. 13, 1948, in Leo. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Debbie of Auburn, Marlin and Mona of Leo and Omer and Lori of Harlan; three daughters and a son-in-law, Marie and Erv Miller of Spencerville, Janeen Byler of Auburn and Louetta Steury of Spencerville; a former son-in-law, Alvin Byler Jr.; three half-brothers, Reuben Graber, Alvin Graber and Lavern Graber, all of Grabill; one half-sister, Josephine Graber of Grabill; 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Steury; three sisters, Caroline Schwartz, Ema Graber and Anna Schmucker; and one brother, Elmer Graber. A granddaughter, Wendy Miller of Spencerville, died with her in the highway collision.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sunrise Chapel Mennonite Church, Harlan, with Pastor Dean Stoll officiating. Burial will be in Yaggie Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Sunrise Chapel Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to Sunrise Chapel Mennonite Church.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Smith

ANGOLA — Donald L. Smith, 64, of Angola and formerly of Colorado, died Sunday, April 30, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Smith, a veteran of the Marine Corps, was the owner of a service station and worked at T.I. Group Automotive in Ashley. He was a member of USAC, ARCA, NAMARS and the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association. He was a long-term midget-racing car owner and was one of the founders and the first president of the Wisconsin Snowmobiling Association.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Indiana.

Surviving are two daughters, Keely Smith of Longmont, Colo., and Cynthia Jo Bettis of Jacksonville, Ill.; two grandchildren, Samantha and Joshua Bettis; three brothers, Glen and Larry Smith of Dallas, and Dale Smith of Indianapolis; a sister, Jeanne Fry of Dallas; and his best friend, Cosworth Smith of Angola.

Memorial services were held May 4 at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Rich Volger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Patricia E. Pollock, 66, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAOTTO — Andrew J. "Andy" Maggart, 28, died Sunday in a drowning accident. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Catherine Brand

ASHLEY — Catherine C. Brand, 78, died Monday, June 12, 2000, at 11:40 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Brand was a homemaker and lived in rural Ashley. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

She was born July 5, 1921, in Garrett to Gearhart Anthony and Bessie Edith (Lindsey) Drerup.

She married Buford Wendal Brand on Dec. 25, 1937, in Hudson. He died in 1980.

Surviving her are one son, Larry P. Brand of Ashley; two daughters, Shirley Lawson of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Sue Smith of Waterloo; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ned Allan Brand; one sister, Audrey Hathaway; five brothers, Ray, Woody, Albert, Arthur and Sam Drerup; and one grandson.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Dehl officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Robert Spencer

BRANSON, Mo. — Robert M. Spencer, 73, formerly of Auburn, died June 6, 2000, in Branson, Mo.

Mr. Spencer was a florist in Garrett and Auburn until his retirement in 1988. While in retirement, he worked for many years as a florist in Branson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

He was born Feb. 19, 1927, in Garrett to Jasper and Beatrice (Strawser) Spencer.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna; a daughter, Amanda Kirk of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Stolz of Elkhart; a stepson, David L. Keller of Chicago; three sisters, Eleanor Smith and June Weller, both of Garrett, and Betty Harris of Mount Prospect, Ill.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Marjory Dixon-Strite

AUBURN — Marjory Dixon-Strite, 81, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 11:56 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

She was a secretary for Hughes Aircraft Corp. in Canoga, Calif., for 10 years.

She was born March 23, 1919, in Ashley to Floyd A. and Ruby (Johnson) Dixon.

Surviving her are two sons, Robert H. Strite of Hometown and Rex W. Strite of Dana Point, Calif.; a sister, Annabelle Dixon of Saugus, Calif.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marjorie L. Strite; and two sisters, Margurite Fish and Doris A. Henderson.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 6 p.m. The Rev. John Hostetter, pastor of Waterloo United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Donald Graves

GRABILL — Donald J. Graves, 69, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 1:10 p.m. at his Grabill home.

He was the owner-operator of Graves Body Crushers and formerly lived in Spencerville.

Mr. Graves was born Nov. 13, 1930, in Kendallville to Rollie and Mary (Molargik) Graves. They preceded him in death.

He married Rose Shanyfelt, who died June 6, 2000.

Surviving him are four daughters, Christine Carper of Grabill, Becky Hoover of Spencerville, Penny Lengacher of Leo and Cathy Laub of St. Joe; three brothers, Paul Graves of Auburn, Lester Graves of Kendallville, and Eugene Graves of Brookhaven, Mass.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Bob Graves, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Frances I. Taylor**, 67, died Sunday. Services Thursday in Phoenix.

ROME CITY — **Betty Hulett Dickson**, 72, of Rome City, died unexpectedly at 4 a.m. Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and from noon until services Thursday in the church.

ROME CITY — **John P. Kenny**, 61, of Rome City, died Saturday in Chicago. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling 5-8 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Vern Steckley

KENDALLVILLE — Vern F. Steckley, 87, longtime Kendallville businessman, died at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2000, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been ill since May 3.

He was born in Kendallville, June 8, 1913, to George and Matilda (Wible) Steckley. In 1935, he married Margaret Cramer who preceded him in death Feb. 29, 1976. He then married A. Kathleen (Powell) Hill on Nov. 26, 1977. She survives.

Mr. Steckley was a 1930 graduate of Kendallville High School and a 1934 graduate of Indiana University where he was active in band, playing the clarinet. He was an emeritus member of the IU Alumni and loved following the IU basketball teams.

After receiving his college degree, Mr. Steckley returned to Kendallville to join his father in the family business, Steckley's Mill & Hatchery, established in 1901 by his father. A chick-hatching enterprise was added to the business in 1928. He eventually became president and general manager of the company and sold it in 1980.

Mr. Steckley served as president of the Indiana State Poultry Association and was president of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation. He served as a member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Board for 18 years and on the boards of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, Cole Foundation and American Red Cross.

He was named Citizen of the Year by the Noble County Soil and Water Conservation District and in 1982 was honored as Kendallville's most outstanding citizen.

Mr. Steckley joined the Kendallville Rotary Club in 1937 and was a faithful member, attending meetings in Indiana as well as Florida or wherever he might be traveling. He was honored by his wife, Kathleen, with the coveted "Paul Harris Fellowship of Rotary International."

He was a longtime member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, and a supporter of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Delray Beach Presbyterian Church in Florida.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzy and Carl Lantz of Naperville, Ill., and Rosemary and Tom King of Mt. Crawford, Va.; a

son and daughter-in-law, George and Nancy Steckley of Galesburg, Ill.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Marsha (Hill) and Durrell McKenzie of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Rebecca (Hill) and John Dykstra of Brooklyn, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Laurie and Chris Smith, Anders Lantz, Steven King, Benjamin King, Courtney King, Eva and Richard Linstrom and Sam Steckley; two great-grandchildren, Emily Smith and Colin Smith; four stepgrandchildren, Shari and Grant Kuhn, Debra McKenzie, Gregory and Shelley Dystra, and Thomas and Dayna Dykstra; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Joshua Kuhn, Lauren and Haley Kuhn, Christopher Dystra and Ryley Dystra; and a sister, Helen Mack of Glenview, Ill.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Glen Steckley; and a sister, Mary Vandervoort.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist, Trinity Church United Methodist and the Cole Center Family YMCA.

The Evening Star, Wed., June 14, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Preston Stackhouse Sr.

AUBURN — Preston E. Stackhouse Sr., 83, died Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at 8:05 p.m. in Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

Mr. Stackhouse retired as a superintendent at Foley Pattern Co. in 1972 after 42 years of employment. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, a former member of the Moose lodge, and a past president and former club champion of the former Auburn Country Club (now Greenhurst Country Club).

He was born April 28, 1917, in DeKalb County to Homer and Hazel (Bills) Stackhouse.

He married Bodie (Schwartz) Stackhouse in Auburn on Nov. 20, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are his son and his companion, Preston E. Stackhouse and Cathy Bewak of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Richard R. Houser of Kendallville; one sister, Betty Gushwa of Fort Wayne; one brother, Hubert Stackhouse of Auburn; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A sister, Eunice Reno, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from noon-2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

John Haverstock

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — John L. Haverstock, 89, died Monday, June 12, 2000, after a short illness.

Mr. Haverstock graduated from Butler High School in 1928 and attended the University of Detroit for four years to study engineering. He was a real estate broker in Fort Wayne for 35 years. In 1964, he and his family converted to the Latter-Day Saints Church through the missionary efforts of elders Richard Shipley and Reed Roberts. The family moved to Utah in 1974.

He and his wife served a mission for the church in the Kentucky-Louisville Mission in 1979. He was a high priest in his ward and was dedicated to the Gospel and missionary work.

Mr. Haverstock was born Dec. 5, 1910, in Butler to Robert L. and Bertha (Kepler) Haverstock.

He married Ethel Mae Freeburn in 1937 and they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in 1966. She survives.

Also surviving are five children and their spouses, Johnel Haverstock Orcutt, Bill and Megan Haverstock, Pamela and John Rosenthal, Jonquil and Sid Beattie, and Bob and Elizabeth Haverstock; 28 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, a grandson, elder Rhett Orcutt, a granddaughter, Laurel Rosenthal, and three sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. (Utah time) in the Little Cottonwood 14th Ward building, with viewing after 10 a.m.

Cannon Mortuary in Salt Lake City is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Erma K. Strater**, 93, died at 1:53 p.m. Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with calling there one hour before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Anna Louise Green**, 61, died at 8:41 a.m. Tuesday in Parkview Noble hospital. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

LAGRANGE — **Larry K. Gardner**, 63, died Monday at 7:17 p.m. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 9-11 a.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

George Smith

DEFIANCE, Ohio — George H. Smith, 78, died Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at 2 p.m. in Defiance Hospital.

He retired in 1984 as the head of maintenance at the Defiance County Courthouse with 12 years of service. He was previously a sales representative for the Belknap Wholesale Hardware. He worked at Culbertson's Hardware in Auburn from 1945 to 1968.

Mr. Smith was a graduate of Devry Electronics Technical College in Chicago and Auburn High School. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving overseas in Europe. He was a corporal in the Quartermaster Corps.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Defiance, and an associate member of the First United Methodist Church in Moore Haven, Fla. He was an avid fisherman and camper.

He was born Feb. 11, 1922, in Auburn to Charley and Pearl E. (St. Clair) Smith.

He married Helen Wheeler on Sept., 14, 1945, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry and Dianne Smith of Bettendorf, Iowa, and David Smith and Ron Smith, both of Defiance; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Yvonne Smith of Moore Haven, Fla.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Trinity United Methodist Church in Defiance, with calling after noon (Indiana time). The Rev. Roger Braun and the Rev. Tim Hacker will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3360.

Additional calling is today from 4-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Terry Richter

LAGRANGE — Terry Lee Richter Sr., 58, of LaGrange, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at his home. He had been in failing health for a year.

He was born Aug. 24, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Alvin Carl and Iva Pauline (McDonnell) Richter I. He married Anna Marie Wirick Jan. 17, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Mr. Richter was a 1959 graduate of Concordia High School in Fort Wayne. He was employed by General Electric in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville,

Summit City Masonic Lodge in Fort Wayne, Ducks Unlimited, Moose Lodge in LaGrange and International Association of Machinists Lodge 70 in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry Lee Jr. and Judi Richter of LaGrange, and Ronald N. and Nancy Richter of Nabb; a brother, Alvin C. Richter II of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sheryl Kelly of Angola; and five grandchildren, Tracie Richter, Anna Richter, Nick Richter, Ronald Richter Jr. and Nathan Richter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Albert Richter and Walter Edward Richter.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Springfield Township Cemetery near Mongo at a later date.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home and from 1-3 p.m. Saturday before services. Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne or St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Woodford Alleshouse

HAMILTON — Woodford C. Alleshouse, 83, of Hamilton, died June 14, 2000, in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Alleshouse was a farmer and a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church near Pleasant Lake.

He was born Jan. 27, 1917, in Clear Lake Township, Steuben County, to Ottomer and Ulah (Woodford) Alleshouse.

He married Kathryn Petre on Aug. 15, 1943, and she survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Blaine of Butler, Steven of Hamilton and Otto of Ashley; three daughters, Irene Short of Cheyenne, Wyo., Sharon Moore of Pleasant Lake and Karon Doty of Angola; and three sisters, Gladys Casebere of Fort Wayne, Theda Bumgardner of Deland, Fla. and Treva Issac of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Raymond, and two sisters, Dorothy Phinney and Helen Clasper.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Carl Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice, Steuben County Habitat for Humanity or the Steuben County Alzheimer's disease organization.

Ella Renfrow

ASHLEY — Ella May Renfrow, 40, died Wednesday, June 14, 2000, in her Ashley home.

Mrs. Renfrow was a homemaker and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10006 Auxiliary in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 14, 1960, in Fort Wayne. Her father, James Parke Sr., and her stepmother, Penny Parke, survive in Fort Wayne.

She married Raymond Renfrow in Auburn, and he died in 1993.

Also surviving are one son, Brandon Renfrow of Ashley; two daughters, Carrie Renfrow and Terri Renfrow, both of Ashley; six brothers, Richard J. Parke and Gary L. Parke, both of Florida, Kenneth J. Parke of Columbia City, Michael A. Parke and Kevin E. Parke, both of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey Parke of Illinois; and two stepbrothers, Gil Jasmin and Donald Jasmin, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's scholarship fund.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Barbara L. Kennell, 68, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Doris Matson

AUBURN — Doris Hagerty Matson, 85, died Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at 9:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a bookkeeper and owner-operator of Corunna Builders Supply Co. and Matson Mobile Home Park in Garrett. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1933 and lived on County Road 36, Auburn.

She was a member and past regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution with two ancestral bars. She was a life member and past commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, and a member and past secretary of the Twin Lakes chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

Mrs. Matson was born July 5, 1914, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to John A. and Lela (Rice) Hagerty. They preceded him in death.

She married Willis James Matson on Dec. 7, 1935, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Lee William Matson and Willis James Matson Jr., both of Avilla, and Larry Allen Matson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Ellen Marie Lamb of Jamestown, Tenn., and Nancy Lou Sowell of Albion; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, one brother, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo

Cemetery, with Lee Matson officiating.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Johnnie Fraley

ANGOLA — Johnnie Fraley, 88, died Thursday, June 15, 2000, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Fraley had retired as a coal miner in West Virginia. He was born March 7, 1912, in Elliotville, Ky., to James and Julie (Bowling) Fraley. His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death in 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Lavern Davis of Plano, Texas, Rachel Hinchman of Whitley, W.Va., and Lorraine Fraley of Angola; three sons, Marv of Accorville, W.Va., Randall of Norwalk, Calif., and Russell of Columbus, Ohio; and a sister, Georgie Fraley of Cary, Ohio.

There will be no services or calling. Klink Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Catherine Roberts Schubert**, 79, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Paul Howard Shinn**, 87, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Big Lake Church of God, Big Lake, with a family gathering following services.

Marcella Walker Aguilar

Anchorage, Alaska

Marcella Walker Aguilar, 79, of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 27, 2000, at home.

The Fort Wayne native moved to Alaska in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Joann Wisemore of Anchorage; sons Norman and Leland Smith, both of Phoenix; sisters Joann Peyton of Garrett and Norma J. Campbell of Fort Wayne; a brother, Bob Walker of Hudson; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Information provided by the family.

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Deaths/Funerals

Iris Houser

BUTLER — Iris J. Houser, 73, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at 2:14 p.m. in her rural Butler home.

Mrs. Houser was an employee of DeKalb Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1991 after 25 years. She served as a hospital volunteer for patient escort and surgical hostess from 1993 until February of this year.

She was a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and the Wilmington Township Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born Sept. 19, 1926, in Allen County to Simon and Estel (Hill) Best.

On May 15, 1943, she married Jack D. Houser. He died Sept. 21, 1981.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters-in-law, Randy and Terry Houser, Rick and Leesa Houser and Ricky Houser, all of Butler; two sisters, Genevieve Mast of St. Cloud, Fla., and Lulubelle Siebenaler of Edon, Ohio; one brother, Allen Best of Auburn; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Houser was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Houser; one sister, Tina Fredricks; and one brother, W.E. Best.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church elevator fund.

Herman Greenberg

GARRETT — Herman Greenberg, 90, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at 1:34 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett.

Mr. Greenberg had been a Garrett resident for eight years.

He was born Nov. 17, 1909, in Philadelphia, to Nathan and Rose (Cooper) Greenberg.

He was a widower.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Stanley and Liz Greenberg of Garrett, and Neal and Evelyn Greenberg of Abington, Pa.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no service or calling. Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Woneda Schaffer

AVILLA — Woneda C. Schaffer, 87, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at 9 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Ms. Schaffer was a homemaker and had lived in Avilla all her life.

She was born March 3, 1913, in Marion, to Sabe and Hanna (Purtee) Knox.

She is survived by a son, Martin Endsley Jr. of Auburn; four granddaughters and their husbands, Diana and Jeff Emehiser of Garrett, Sherry and Chris Knisely of Garrett, Susan Endsley of Angola, and Laura Endsley of Boston; three grandsons, Randy Endsley of Milwaukee, Dan Endsley of Auburn, and Rick Endsley and his wife, Melissa, of Michigan; 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; a stepfather, Louise Hendricks; a brother, Clarence Knox; and two sisters, Elsie Cartwright and Midge Knox.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Dane Kruse officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. A burial service will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Estates Of Serenity in Marion.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Melanie Felger

ANGOLA — Melanie Kay Oster Felger, 54, of Angola, died Friday, June 9, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Felger was a homemaker. She was a member of the New Life Worship Center, Angola, where she served as head of the children's church.

She was born Dec. 19, 1945, in Waterloo to Leland and Corrine (Schomberg) Oster. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amie Wicker and Heidi Lee, both of Angola, one son, John Felger of Fremont; one brother, Terry Oster of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the New Life Worship Center with the Bishop Robert Sims officiating.

Memorials are to the church.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

Lola Cotner

ROBERTSDALE, Ala. — Lola Reaves Cotner, 86, died Friday, June 16, 2000, in Robertsdale, Ala.

Mrs. Cotner was an active member of the Robertsdale United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of Women of the Moose and the Eastern Star.

She was born in Montevallo, Ala., to James and Martha (Brigman) Reaves.

She was married to Charles "Joe" Cotner, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Cooper of Hammond, N.Y., and Janie Falls of Fort Wayne; one son, Rick Cotner of Robertsdale, Ala.; one sister, Christine Jackson of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Robertsdale United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the New Cooper Cemetery, Robertsdale, Ala.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Mack Funeral Home, Robertsdale, Ala.

Area Deaths

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Clarence P. Linn, 79, died Wednesday in Three Rivers, Mich. Services at 2 p.m. today (1 p.m. Indiana time) at Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon, Mich.

MILFORD — Margaret R. Wright, 41, died Wednesday at home. Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Eastlund Funeral Home, Mishler Chapel, Milford, with calling there today from noon to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Edna Killworth

CHURUBUSCO — Edna Killworth, 88, a resident of Churubusco, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at 2:08 p.m. in Renaissance Village.

She had been a resident at Renaissance Village for 1 1/2 years and a resident of Churubusco since 1945. She was a Magnavox employee for 30 years.

Mrs. Killworth was born Dec. 11, 1911, in Perry County, to Jack and Nancy (Bolin) Poehlein.

She married Earl W. Killworth on March 17, 1932, in Huntertown. He died April 24, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Janice Killworth of Columbia City; two daughters, Marlene Smith of Churubusco and Kathryn Boschet of New Haven; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Jerry Blanchard of Dunfee Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Frank Daub

AUBURN — Frank Daub, 80, died today, June 19, 2000, at 2:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Daub worked at Auburn Automotive and more recently at Taylor Rental. He lived in Auburn and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Daub

He was born Dec. 6, 1919, in DeKalb County to Charles and Lida (Searfos) Daub. They preceded him in death.

He married Marvel Purdy on June 21, 1941, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David and Gene, both of Auburn; one sister, Susan Holmes of Auburn; three grandchildren, Jode Payton, David Daub and Carry Daub; and four stepgrandchildren, Ashley, Danielle and Dustin Gick, and Dylan Carroll.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Violet Funk and Cleo Sprague; three brothers, Leonard, Howard and Thomas; and two half-brothers, Mike Ward and Don Sharp.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Ralph Hartman

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph R. Hartman, 79, of Kendallville, died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, June 18, 2000, in Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. He had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Kendallville, to John O. and Gertrude (Trowbridge) Hartman. On Aug. 13, 1944, in Evansville, he married Mildred Mertz. She survives.

Mr. Hartman had worked at Stanadyne and was a farmer. He retired from Stanadyne in Garrett in 1982. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of the 390th Bomb Group Association, Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, American Legion Post 86, and VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Elaine and James Beltz of Fort Wayne, Lorna Hartman of Defiance, Ohio, Barbara and the Rev. Nathan Rastl of Vincennes, and Beth Ann and Jeff Becker of Leesburg; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Hartman of Williamsburg, Va., Kenneth and Colleen Hartman of Helmer, and Curtis and Anna Hartman of Auburn; a brother, Harold Hartman of Kendallville; a sister, Berniece Freeman of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter "Buster" Hartman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Preschool in Garrett.

Roberta Johnson

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Roberta I. "Bert" Johnson, 65, of Constantine, Mich., died Saturday, June 17, 2000, following an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 25, 1934, in Kendallville to Cecil and Eloise (Harger) Jeffries. On Feb. 11, 1972, in Three Rivers, Mich., she married Gordon C. Johnson. He survives.

A 1952 Albion High School graduate, Mrs. Johnson had been employed at Three Rivers Area Hospital in housekeeping and also as a secretary for the home health care retiring in 1997 after 15 years. She was an avid K-Wings Hockey fan and also enjoyed camping.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Alan and Chris Fanning of Angola, Kevin and Lorie Stephens of LaGrange, and Mike Johnson of Bristol; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Jack Jeffrey of Centreville, Mich., Deb and the Rev. Wade Sturdivant of LaGrange, and Cindy and Doug Middlebrook of Millersburg; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Steve Jeffries of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Stephens, and a brother, Larry Jeffries.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Eley Funeral Home, Constantine, with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant of New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange, officiating. Burial will be in Constantine Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Three Rivers Hospital Hospice.

Leonard Frick

MONGO — Leonard E. Frick, 78, of rural Mongo, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 18, 1922, in Kendallville, to Russell and Lulu (Tryon) Frick. On Sept. 29, 1946, in Salem Center, he married Dorothy Lease. She survives.

Mr. Frick retired in 1985 from Sturgis Foundry and attended Orland Church of the Nazarene in Orland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army until 1946.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Don (Mary) Musser of Waterloo, Mrs. Jim (Geraldine) Idalaski of LaGrange, Mrs. Earl (Sherry) DePew of Mongo, and Mrs. Max (Treasa) Clipfell of Syracuse; a son, Larry L. Frick of Howe; a brother, William C. Frick of Mongo; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Frick, in 1982.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. John Frye officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harry I. Whited**, 93, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Thursday in Springfield, Ohio.

The Evening Star, Tues., June 20, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Hartman

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph R. Hartman, 79, of Kendallville, died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, June 18, 2000, in Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. He had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Kendallville, to John O. and Gertrude (Trowbridge) Hartman. On Aug. 13, 1944, in Evansville, he married Mildred Mertz. She survives.

Mr. Hartman had worked at Stanadyne and was a farmer. He retired from Stanadyne in Garrett in 1982. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of the 390th Bomb Group Association, Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, American Legion Post 86, and VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Elaine and James Beltz of Fort Wayne, Lorna Hartman of Defiance, Ohio, Barbara and the Rev. Nathan Rastl of Vincennes, and Beth Ann and Jeff Becker of Leesburg; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Hartman of Williamsburg, Va., Kenneth and Colleen Hartman of Helmer, and Curtis and Anna Hartman of Auburn; a brother, Harold Hartman of Kendallville; a sister, Berniece Freeman of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter "Buster" Hartman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church. Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Preschool in Garrett.

Pauletta Haynes

WATERLOO — Pauletta "P.J." Haynes, 45, died Monday, June 19, 2000, at 5:37 p.m. in her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Haynes was a homemaker and a graduate of East Noble High School. She attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Aug. 31, 1954, in Kendallville to James R. and Pauline (Heileman) Smith. Her mother survives.

She married Thomas I. Haynes Jr. on June 7, 1997, in Waterloo. He survives.

Surviving her are two daughters, Tracey Miller-Caldwell of Garrett and Melissa Miller of Rainbow, Texas; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Karen Smith of Stroh; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pamela and Melvin Yoquelet of Ashley and Peggy and Norman Yoder of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Brittany and Tyler Caldwell and Dillon and Greyson Ray.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Ray Smith.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Griebel, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran School Fund of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Eastside Community Foundation.

Harold Gerig

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Harold E. Gerig, 73, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at 9:38 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the past three months.

He was a retired builder, farmer and pork producer. He lived in Hicksville and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a World War II veteran.

Mr. Gerig was born Aug. 31, 1926, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Harry and Mary (Sigler) Gerig.

He married Maurine Tuttle on Oct. 26, 1946, in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Joyce Wagner of Valparaiso; two sisters, Harriet Hulbert of Woodburn and Janus Tuttle of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Three infant sons, Dennis, David and Jerry, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, with military services by the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Calling is Wednesday after 3 p.m. and Thursday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Imogene Zimmerman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Imogene L. "Bobbie" Zimmerman, 70, died Monday, June 19, 2000, at 3:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for the past 11 days.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1948. She was a homemaker and lived in Hicksville. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born May 21, 1930, in Hicksville to Russell and Doris (Sleesman) Hinch.

She married Bill Zimmerman on Jan. 20, 1951, in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Gary, Greg and Jeff "Zimmy" Zimmerman, all of Hicksville; two brothers, Russell Hinch Jr. of Hicksville and Gerald Hinsch of Bushnell, Fla.; one sister, Ila Mae Hutchings of Edgerton, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman will officiate, with burial in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hicksville EMS.

Helen Hinklin

GARRETT — Helen Carlin Hinklin, 104, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at 1:15 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Hinklin was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett since 1916. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

She was born Sept. 17, 1895, in Chicago to Michael and Ellen (Ray) Loftus. She married Charles E. Carlin in 1916 and he died in 1929. She then married Howard "H.A." Hinklin, owner of Hinklin Funeral Home, in 1931. He died in 1956.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mary Vauris of Garrett and Florence Ridlen of Fort Wayne; two sons, Charles Carlin of South Bend and Joseph Carlin of Gaylord, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

James Mallon

HUNTERTOWN — James M. "Jim" Mallon, 87, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at 10:42 p.m. in Wynona Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was an insurance adjuster for Indiana Lumbermen's Insurance Co. of Indianapolis for 12 years, retiring in 1973. He formerly lived in Huntertown and lived in Indianapolis for the past two years.

He graduated from LaOtto High School in 1931. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, and Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194.

Mr. Mallon was born April 8, 1913, in LaOtto to Fred and Phoebe (Fielk) Mallon. He married Estelle Kelley in 1952 in Madison, Ind., and she preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one son, Jim Mallon of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Mary Katherine Mallon and James Mallon III, both of Indianapolis.

Three sisters, Clara Cook, Frona Whan and Laura Leiter, and one brother, Frank Mallon, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Ege Cemetery near LaOtto. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Masonic Lodge.

Ann Fredrick

AUBURN — Ann M. Fredrick, 68, died Monday, June 19, 2000, at 7:37 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a machine operator for 32 years at Rieke Corp., Auburn. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

She was born Dec. 9, 1931, to Josef and Anne (Richer) Hofmann.

She married Lynn Fredrick in Wetzlar, Germany, and he died Jan. 21, 1996.

Surviving her are two sons, Curtis Fredrick and Lanny Fredrick, both of Auburn; one daughter, Liane Willoughby of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Four sons and one brother, Bruno, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Art Ferry of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or to the family.

The Evening Star, Wed., June 21, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Jack Potts

FREMONT — Jack M. Potts, 71, of Fremont, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at his home.

Mr. Potts was a retired carpenter and member of Local 232.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he belonged to the Orland post of the American Legion and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and Ashley Masonic Lodge 614.

He was born July 1, 1928, in Fort Wayne to George and Virmice (Reichelderfer) Potts.

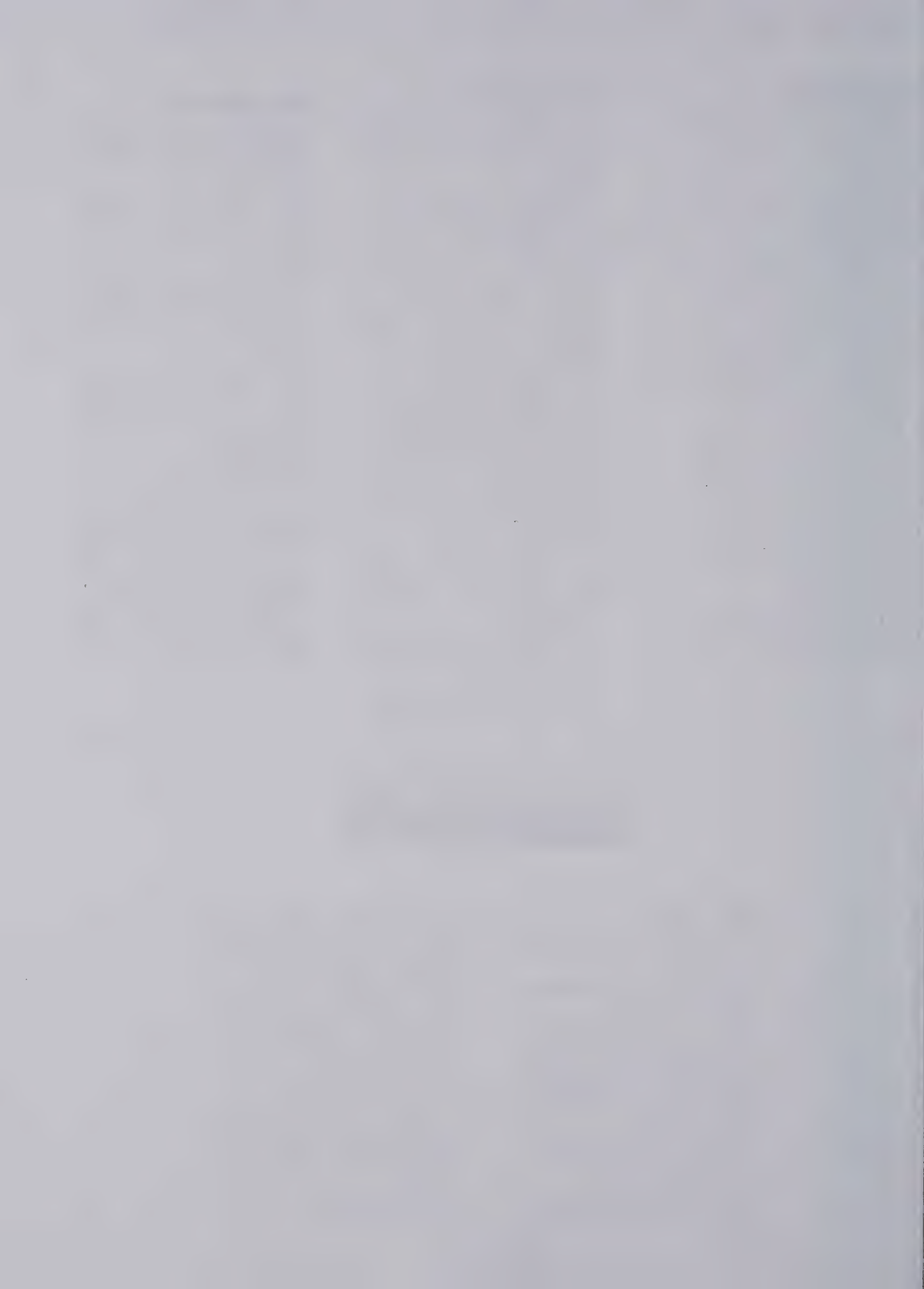
On Dec. 30, 1952, he married Donna Lee Otis. She died Sept. 6, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Jack, of Kansas City; two daughters, Kim Sheets of Angola, and Patricia Cripps of Fairfield, Calif.; two brothers, Walter of Hudson, and Peter of Corunna; two sisters, Jean DeLong of Paulding, Ohio, and May Fuhrer of Pine River, Minn.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert W. Potts.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Joseph Fuhrer officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Children's Hospital.



John Means

AUBURN — John D. Means, 75, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a tool-and-die maker for Kitchen Quip in Waterloo for 17 years, retiring in 1988. He owned and operated the Auburn Neon Sign Co. and was a professional glass blower for 50 years.

Mr. Means was born June 28, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Calvin and Fannie (Dulaney) Means.

Surviving him are one son, Roger Means of Auburn; three daughters, Marlene Williams, Dian Balzer and Cindy Means, all of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Koehl of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One brother, one sister and one great-granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Schleh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Donald Kennedy

AUBURN — Donald D. Kennedy, 90, died Monday, June 19, 2000, at 7:47 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He worked in Phelps Dodge Indiana Rod and Wire Division for 27 years before retiring in 1974. He lived in St. Johns for 59 years before moving to Auburn two years ago.

Mr. Kennedy was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Lakeview, Ohio, to George W. and Effie Jane (Killough) Kennedy.

He married Velma E. Jordan in Avilla on June 11, 1927, in Avilla. She died in January 1991.

Surviving are five sons, Raymond and Paul of Auburn, and Russell, Edward and Dale, all of Garrett; two daughters, Marilyn Battenberg of Fort Wayne and Jane Campbell of Albion; one brother, William of Waterloo; one sister, Dorothy Hilkey of Auburn; 22 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Kennedy; a daughter, Patricia Royer; and a sister, Vivian Helbert.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Ora McFarlin

AUBURN — Ora E. McFarlin, 80, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at noon at her daughter's home in Auburn. She was a dietary aide.

She was born July 4, 1919, in LaOtto to Freda (Preston) and William Wappes Sr.

She married Pete Spitler on Aug. 7, 1937, in Marion, and he died in 1961.

She married David McFarlin in 1971 and he survives in Kendallville.

Surviving her are two sons, Bruce Spitler of Hudson and Joe Spitler of Bradington, Fla.; four daughters, Carol Ankney of Fort Myers, Fla., Beverly Boyd and Kathy Lewellyn, both of Auburn, and Linda Sparkman of Garrett; one sister, Dorothy Loft of Tipton; four half-brothers, one half-sister, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, William Wappes Jr.; one granddaughter, Shelly Boyd; and one son-in-law, Maurice Boyd.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Fredrick

AUBURN — Ann M. Fredrick, 68, died Monday, June 19, 2000, at 7:37 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a machine operator for 32 years at Rieke Corp., Auburn.

She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

She was born Dec. 9, 1931, to Josef and Anne (Richer) Hofmann.

She married Lynn Fredrick in Wetzler, Germany. He died Jan. 21, 1996.

Surviving her are two sons, Curtis Fredrick and Lanny Fredrick, both of Auburn; one daughter, Liane Willoughby of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Four sons and one brother, Bruno, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Art Ferry of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or to the family.



The Evening Star, Thurs., June 22, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Kevin Bates

BUTLER — Kevin Roy Bates, 38, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 2 p.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Bates worked in maintenance at Bohn Aluminum in Butler. He was a member of Butler Eagles Lodge 2733 and a past member of the Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Sept. 1, 1961, in Gary. His mother, Donna (Tolliver) Pluto, survives in Portage. His father, Aubrey Bates, is deceased.

He married Debra Blair on Sept. 1, 1990, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two step-sisters and their husbands, Arla and Bob Caniga, and Eleanor and Alfred Taddei; three brothers-in-law and their wives, David and Judy Blair, Daren and Julie Blair, and Rodney Blair; three sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Julie and Rick Richmond, Ashlee Dunn and Courtney Edelen; an uncle and aunt, Paul and Carolyn Tolliver; his mothers- and fathers-in-law, Sheryl and Richard Dunn, and Alan and Vicki Blair; two grandmothers-in-law, Myrtle Kohl and Pauline Blair; three nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Edith Tolliver, and Lyman and Nellie Bates.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ken Stirratt officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Heart Association.



George and Elinor Tucker

George Tucker Elinor Tucker

DOWAGIAC, Mich. — A memorial service to celebrate the lives of George G. "Bud" and Elinor J. "Nora" Tucker will be held Monday, July 3, at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Indian Lake Yacht Club, 55900 Indian Lake Road.

George, 89, died Jan. 14 and Elinor, 87, died June 17. They married in 1936 and had lived in Auburn, Berwyn, Ill., and Niles, Mich. Before their retirements, he managed a Foret Plastics manufacturing plant in Niles, and she was a Realtor in Niles. They spent the last several winters in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and had been summer residents for more than 70 years at Indian Lake, Mich. They were long-standing members of the Indiana Lake Yacht Club, where he served as a past commodore.

Mr. Tucker was born June 28, 1910, in Chicago. He was an avid sailor, having raced in the Nassau and Bermuda races, several "Macs" and other races on Lake Michigan, and the Snipe and C Scow races on Indian Lake. He was a golfer, playing well into his 80s.

Mrs. Tucker, born April 22, 1913, in Chicago, also played golf and enjoyed bridge, reading and floral arrangement. She earned her Life Master Certificate from the American Contract Bridge League in 1988. She also received numerous awards through the years in floral arrangement competitions.

Friends and family are welcome at the service, and may call the Tucker lake cottage for further information.

Memorial donations may be given to Lee Memorial Hospital, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac, Mich., or to Cass County Hospice, 321 Delaware St., Decatur, Mich.

Matthew Harger

BUTLER — Matthew A. Harger, 19, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in Noble County, south of South Milford.

He was a student at Lake Superior State College in Sault St. Marie, Mich., and was an intern for the Indiana Division of Natural Resources. He lived in Butler.

Mr. Harger was born Aug. 7, 1980, in Auburn to Dennis and Joy (Hildebrandt) Harger. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are one sister, Lindsay Harger of Butler; his maternal grandparents; a special friend, Jasmin Hartman of Hamilton; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Douglas Holley officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Mongo Division or Black Pine Animal Preserve, Albion.

Jeanne Peterson

ST. GEORGE, S.C. — Jeanne Marie Peterson, 53, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 7 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Peterson was a secretary for Hospitality Management Corp. in Orangeburg, S.C. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 27, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Conrad E. and Irene A. (Momper) Albert.

Surviving are her husband, Terry A. Peterson; two daughters, Christine Sanderson of Auburn and Aimee Peterson of West Lafayette; a stepson, Tony Peterson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Kathleen Dawson and Patricia Jackson, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Edward Albert of Decatur and Gerald Albert of Ossian; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Father James Sapp will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Additional calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or masses.

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Kerry Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kerry W. Miller, 18, of rural Wolcottville, died at 7:35 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2000, in Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville, as the result of a traffic accident at 6:15 a.m. on Ind. 3 north of Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 29, 1981, in Sturgis, Mich. His father, Lincoln D. Miller, survives in Wolcottville, and his mother, Alice F. Beaty, survives in Orland.

Mr. Miller, a senior at Lakeland High School, LaGrange, was a cook at Chubby's Restaurant in Orland. He had been a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Also surviving are his brother, Lincoln D. Miller Jr. of Wolcottville; his grandparents, Norma Beaty of Orland, and Wayne C. and Judy Miller of LaGrange; and a great-grandmother, Helen Miller of New York City, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Betty L. Miller, and a grandfather, Howard A. "Red" Beaty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, rural Wolcottville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Valerie Gibson-Smith

GARRETT — Valerie B. Gibson-Smith, 54, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a co-owner of My Corner Cafe in Garrett, and enjoyed antiques and auctions.

Mrs. Gibson-Smith was born March 3, 1946, in Liverpool, England.

She married Tim Smith on May 23, 2000, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn Jones of Garrett; a sister, Carole Hardt of Greenwich, R.I., and two grandsons.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett. Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — Anna L. Angel, 94, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — Kristie Lynn Smith, infant daughter of Nathan D. and Tina R. Smith, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

ALBION — Robert W. Coy, 64, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Albion Wesleyan Church. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church.

CHURUBUSCO — Lena Grace Fulk, 87, died Wednesday. Arrangements pending in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

FORT WAYNE — Millard B. Beaver, 86, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Ave. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in

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Alan B. Showalter

Angola — 1921-2000

Alan B. Showalter, 78, of Angola, a member of Parliamentarian Club, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

The Alton, Kan., native taught for 23 years at Tri-State College, was a consulting engineer in electronics industry and member of Kiwanis and Toastmasters.

Surviving are his wife, Anita W.; a son, Alan D.L. of Bellevue, Wash.; daughters Ruth E. Terry of Columbus, Texas, Susan A. Reynolds of Angola and Chloe L. Reynolds of Churubusco; a brother, Ronald of Garden City, Mich.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Steuben County Senior Center.

Information provided by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, 1-219-665-3111.



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Arlene F. Masse

Angola — 1907-2000

Arlene F. Masse, 92, of Angola, a member of Flint United Methodist Church, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, at Carlin Park Health Care Center.

The Butler native was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in the Steuben County area.

Surviving are a sister, Betty Mott of Angola; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, a son, William, a stepdaughter, Eleanor Dittmer, a brother, and a sister.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery.

Information provided by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, 1-219-587-3733



Deaths/Funerals

Catherine Miller

WATERLOO — Catherine A. Miller, 85, died Thursday, June 22, at 10:40 p.m. in her daughter's home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo. She played the organ for 45 years at St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo, where she was a member. She was a member of the church's rosary society and the Never Idle Extension Homemakers Club of Smithfield Township.

She was born Oct. 16, 1914, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County to August and Anna B. (Reinig) Schiffli.

She married Bernard Miller on Oct. 1, 1949. He died Aug. 17, 1995.

Surviving her are two daughters, Therese Graves of Indianapolis and Claudia Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Josephine Miller of Peach Tree City, Ga.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael's church cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or the church.

Frances V. Strawe

Des Moines, Wash. — 1906-2000

Frances V. Strawe, 93, of Des Moines, Wash., and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at Auburn Regional Medical Center in Auburn.

The Montgomery, Mich., native was a homemaker.

Surviving are sons David of Auburn and Joseph of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis C.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind., with calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Ray Cemetery, Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Information provided by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, 1-219-495-2915.

Victor Hansen

FREMONT — Victor LeRoy Hansen, 88, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hansen was a retired entertainer. He worked at WOWO in Fort Wayne and did a radio show with the Nancy Lee & The Hilltoppers group. He also worked at Wayne Hardware in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 3, 1911, in Chicago to Hans and Ruth (Oase) Bredrup.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Dantuono of Tiffin, Ohio, and Eunice Booth of Villages, Fla.; a brother, Robert Bredrup of Chicago; and a niece, Ann Zurcher of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lehla, in 1953; his second wife, Marceille, in 1989; and a sister, Evelyn Hermansen.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Bethel Gilead Community Church, Steuben County Meals on Wheels and Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Robert Martin

MATTHEWS, N.C. — Robert C. "Bob" Martin, 72, died Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at Mecklenberg Health Care Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Martin was the retired owner and operator of several retail furniture stores in the Michigan City, Ind., area. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born June 20, 1928, in Auburn to Reo Garceau and Ann Layman (Baker) Martin. They preceded him in death.

Albert Etinger

FREMONT — Albert H. Etinger, 91, of Fremont, died Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Etinger was a self-employed laborer.

He was born Feb. 26, 1909, in Fremont to Wilson and Mary (Luce) Etinger.

On Oct. 22, 1940, he married Meddie (Conley) Etinger, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two nephews, William and Junior Bartlow, both of Angola; and a niece, Mary Campbell of Butler.

He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Surviving him are his wife, Joyce Delaney Martin; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas R. and Diane Martin of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Catherine M. and Jerry Leister of Matthews, and Laura E. and Greg Chappell of Greenwood, S.C.; one brother, Richard E. Martin of Bethesda, Md.; eight grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of McEwen Funeral Home in Monroe, N.C., with the Rev. Millie Snyder officiating.

Calling is Saturday after the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Charlotte Chapter, 9844-C, Southern Pines Blvd., Charlotte NC 28273.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lillie Thorne

BUTLER — Lillie Bell Thorne, 86, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at 9:15 p.m. at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Thorne was a homemaker and had been a Butler resident for 35 years.

She was born Sept. 28, 1913, in Graves County, Ky., to James Roland Bennett and Rosetta Bennett.

She married Milton Thorne on Aug. 28, 1932, in Paris, Tenn. He died May 22, 1980.

Survivors are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dallas and Patsy Thorne of Murray, Ky., John and Jahe Thorne of Butler and Clarence Thorne of Butler; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Louise and Henry Black, Carolyn and Jessie Cannady, Marilyn and Johnny Vittonel, and Laverne Highsby, all of Butler; 25 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert; one daughter-in-law, Judy Thorne; six brothers, Cliff, Ed, Frank, Jesse, Plase and Wes Bennett; two sisters, Angie Harris and Maudie Watts; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rosalie Wright

HUNTERTOWN — Rosalie Faye Wright died Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker and an office manager at Quality House. She graciously cared for the hearing-impaired for more than 30 years. She was born in Enid, Okla.

She is survived by her husband, Morton M.; three daughters, Renae Slonecker of Dublin, Ohio, Jerene Childers of New Haven and Janel Badiac of Fort Wayne; four sons, Delain Wright of London, England, Kurt Wright of Pittsburgh, Kent Wright of Fort Wayne and Terry Wright of Huntertown; two sisters, Donna Lou Bess of Brooksville, Fla., and Cecilia Unger of Indianapolis; and 25 grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Christian Schools.

Robert H. Conrad

STURGIS, MICH. — Robert H. Conrad, 87, of 500 N. Lakeview Ave., Sturgis, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at Thurston Woods Village, Sturgis.

In Ligonier he was born on Nov. 4, 1912, the son of Ralph and Nora Conrad. On July 3, 1950, in Angola, he married Vada Lytle who survives.

Mr. Conrad spent most of his life in the Sturgis area having moved from Ligonier.

He was owner and operator of Conrad Shoe Repair for many years before his retirement.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Quartermaster Corps. He was a member of the American Trap Shooting Association and two-time state champion trap shooter, a former member of the St. Joseph County Conservation Club, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Also surviving are: a son and daughter-in-law, John and Jamie Conrad, of Sturgis; and two grandchildren, Christina and Amanda, both of Sturgis.

A sister, Jeanette Conrad, and his parents preceded him in death.

Religious services and a celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. today with Rev. Lowell Walsworth officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Joseph County Conservator Club.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Richard Crow

ST. JOE — Richard L. "Dick" Crow, 83, died Friday, June 23, 2000, at 9:10 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crow was a lifetime farmer in Concord Township of DeKalb County.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, Purdue Ag Alumni, the DeKalb County 4-H Fair Board, St. Joe Lions Club, the DeKalb County Planning Commission and DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals.

He was a member of the Concord Volunteer Fire Department and a former member and past president of the Riverdale School Board. He was a former Concord Township trustee, serving in that position for eight years.

He was born Dec. 6, 1916, in Pontiac, Ill. to Walter Crow and Louise Algeo Crow.

He married Kathryn Lanz on March 19, 1939. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Terry Brown of Kendallville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Keith "Andy" and Margie Crow, Dan and Amerida Crow and Mark and Donna Crow, all of St. Joe, and Pat and Mary Crow of Spencerville; two brothers, Gene of Monticello and Ted of Kissimmee, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by a brother, a sister and one grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Friends may call Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church.

Sheldon Dunlap

VICKSBURG, Mich. — Sheldon Dunlap, 40, died Friday, June 23, 2000, at his farm east of Vicksburg.

Mr. Dunlap was born March 5, 1960, in LaGrange, Ind., to David and Julie Dunlap, who survive. On Oct. 6, 1990, in Kalamazoo, Mich., he married Vicky Powers, who also survives.

Mr. Dunlap was a member of the American Fruit Growers and he and his wife raised strawberries, corn and pumpkins on their farm.

Dunlap was a 1979 graduate of Lakeland High School, and attended Purdue University. He enjoyed riding and racing horses, fishing and his involvement in Future Farmers of America. Also, he was a model railroader and enjoyed flying remote-controlled aircraft.

After school, he ran his own dairy farm and also drove a truck in LaGrange. He later moved to Sturgis and worked at the Sturgis Foundry.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jenny Dunlap of Ivel, Ky., and Sandy Dunlap of Wolcottville, Ind.; three sons,

Bradley Dunlap, Kevin Dunlap and Carl Dunlap, all of Vicksburg; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Teresa and Joseph Yanke of Howe, Ind., and Kathy and James Collins of LaGrange; his paternal grandmother, Velda Dunlap; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert, Durham, Marshall and Gren Funeral Home, Vicksburg Chapel.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. EDT Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo.

Wayne Haire

CHURUBUSCO — Wayne Samuel Haire, 84, died at 10:50 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 10, 1915, in Fort Wayne, to Clayton James and Grace Ann (Golden) Haire. He was married to Bonnie Maxine Todd Haire for 60 years, and she survives in Churubusco.

He retired from Dana Corp. as a quality engineer and inspector.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, William Haire of Churubusco and David and Karen Haire of South Bend; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Eugene Haire and Paul Haire.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. John Enible officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Ida L. Dimmick

SOUTH WHITLEY — Ida L. Dimmick, 97, died Thursday, June 22, 2000, at Sutton Place in Lake Worth, Fla.

The Whitley County native was a homemaker.

Surviving are one son, Paul E. Dimmick of West Palm Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Ruth Gangwer of Knapp Lake, Cromwell; 14 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 20 step-great-grandchildren; and six step-great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Edison L. Dimmick, died in 1979. Two daughters, Dorabelle Carver and Evaline Cook, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials to Sugar Creek Church of the Brethren or Hospice House in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Deaths/Funerals

Agnes Harman

ANGOLA — Agnes L. Harman, 92, of Angola, died Sunday, June 25, 2000, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Harman, a homemaker, was a 50-year member of Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, the Pleasant Lake Home Economics Club, Sorosis, and she was a Red Cross volunteer for many years.

She was born May 20, 1908, in Pleasant Lake to Bert and Mabel (Crampton) Wolf.

On Feb. 13, 1926, she married Willis Harman, who preceded her in death on April 6, 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosalie Spirek of Bronson, Mich.; two sisters, Ruth Harmon of Angola, and Grace Ingledue of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren, Michelle Sheffield, Yvette Walker, Kevin Smith, Sheila Ann Smith, Mike Spirek and Jim Spirek; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Jack Lyn, in 1933; a daughter, Sheila Jean Smith, in 1997; and a sister, Berta McCalpin, in 1980.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Danny Conrad

KENDALLVILLE — Danny L. Conrad, 50, of Kendallville, died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, June 25, 2000, in his home.

He was born Aug. 30, 1949, in Kendallville to Lloyd and Olive (Hoffelder) Conrad. His parents survive in Kendallville.

On Jan. 24, 1970, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., he married Paula English.

She also survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Conrad, an equipment engineer for Norfolk & Southern Railroad, served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He loved to garden, hunt and fish.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Dylan Conrad of Albion, Brett and Omega Conrad of Glendale, Ariz., and Daniel Conrad of Kendallville; a brother, Fred Conrad of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Brewer of Columbia, Ohio, and Nancy Katt of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; and a grandson, Luke Conrad of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Harvest Community Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Harvest Community Church building fund.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Donnabell Forker**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral home, Albion, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

HOWE — **Evelyn C. Little**, 88, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling 7-8 p.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

KENDALLVILLE — **Donna Jean (Hoile) Broome**, 43, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and two hours before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Danny L. Conrad**, 50, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Harvest Community Church, Kendallville. Calling 4-9 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Florence Hitt

ASHLEY — Florence M. Hitt, 90, died Saturday, June 24, 2000, at 6:40 p.m.

Mrs. Hitt was a past member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Hicksville and past member of the Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

She was born in Oregon on July 4, 1909, to Wallace and Alma (Lantz) Woodcox. She graduated from Hicksville, Ohio, in the class of 1928. In 1946, she married Quay B. Hitt in Memphis, Tenn., who died Feb. 13, 1994. The couple lived in Hicksville until 1948, when they moved to Auburn.

Surviving are one niece, Shirley Humphrey, San Antonio, Texas; and two nephews, Ronald E. Woodcox, Ashley and Wallace H. Woodcox, Anderson.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Ken Wellman will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is in the funeral home after 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the American Legion of the Hicksville V.F.W.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Evelyn C. Little, 88, died June 23 in Knoxville, Tenn. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling 7-8 p.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

TOPEKA — Lily JoElla Shell, 5, died Sunday at approximately 9 p.m. following a car/pedestrian accident. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Perry Jay Yoder residence, 6035W — 800S, Topeka. Calling after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday in the Shell residence. 6305W — 800S.

Margueritte Kimmel Mulhern *News Sen*

Frankfort, Ky. — 1914-2000

Margueritte Kimmel Mulhern, 86, of Frankfort, Ky., and formerly of Fort Wayne and Auburn, Ind., died Monday, July 24, 2000, in Frankfort.

The Auburn, Ind., native had taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Auburn, taught mathematics at Kirk Junior High in East Cleveland, Ohio, taught GED, English as a second language and citizenship classes for Cleveland, East Cleveland and Port Charlotte, Fla., boards of education.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Mulhern Jordan of Nicholasville; sisters Eloise Mudd of Port Charlotte, Fla., Martha Kowalski of Newaygo, Ohio, and Alice Herr of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James C., and a brother, Dale S. Kimmel.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland.

Memorials are to a local hospice or American Cancer Society chapter.

Information provided by Rogers Funeral Home, Frankfort, Ky., 1-502-223-3481.

Alyce D. Klinger *News Sen*

Kendallville — 1929-2000

Alyce D. Klinger, 70, of Kendallville, a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

The Chester, Pa., native was retired from the former McCray Hospital in housekeeping.

Surviving are a son, Norman of Waterloo; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 11 a.m. until services. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, 1-219-347-0950.



Deaths/Funerals

Gloria Glasper

FORT WAYNE — Gloria M. Glasper, 70, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, June 24, 2000, at her residence.

Mrs. Glasper was a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for 20 years, retiring in 1992.

She was born Dec. 6, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Eudelia M. (Flores) Smith.

Surviving are her husband, Robert, at home; four daughters, Kathryn Boling, Susan Snyder and Elizabeth Moore, all of Fort Wayne, and Theresa Schortgen of New Haven; four sons, Michael and John, both of Fort Wayne, Andrew of Burlison, Tenn., and Joseph of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a foster son, Gary Covey of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold "Skip" Smith of Fort Wayne; and 19 grandchildren.

Calling and took place at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with services at Precious Blood Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials to Precious Blood School or Allen County Right to Life.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cary D. David**, 57, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Paul Albert Krill**, 81, died June 21 in Upland. Graveside services at 1 p.m. July 8 in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. No calling.

Beatrice J. Moore

Georgetown, Ky.

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Beatrice J. Moore, 87, of Georgetown, Ky., a native of Auburn, Ind., died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, in Georgetown.

She had worked at Wirk Garment and at Essex in Ligonier, Ind., for several years and had moved to Georgetown in 1992.

Surviving are sons Jerry of Las Cruces, N.M., William D. of Georgetown and Stephen of Paw Paw, Mich.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Tucker, Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home, Georgetown. Calling is also from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, Ind. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, Ind.

Information provided by Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, 1-219-894-4184.

Deaths/Funerals

George Baron

RICHMOND, Va. — George Baron, 85, died Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in the Virginian Retirement Center in Richmond, Va.

He was a retired mechanic from Maxton Motors, Butler.

Mr. Baron was born Aug. 11, 1914, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Nettie (Cooley) Baron. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorothea Wasson on April 11, 1936, in Leo, and she died Oct. 6, 1991.

Surviving him are one son, Larry Baron of Richmond; one sister, Irene Dielman of Bryan, Ohio; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler Cemetery, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Betty K. Greider**, 76, died Tuesday. Private graveside services at a later date. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Arnold Dicke

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Arnold Frederick Dicke, 87, died Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 10:27 p.m. in Community Hospital in New Port Richey, Fla.

He moved to New Port Richey from Michigan three years ago after wintering there for many years.

Mr. Dicke was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Marines. He was a plant safety director at Uniroyal for 28 years before retiring in 1978. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Michigan.

He was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Allen County to William and Elizabeth (Klaehn) Dicke.

He married Julie Boyer in 1972. She died in 1997.

He is survived by a son, Ronald Dicke of Garrett; a daughter, Carolyn Ann Dove of Kendallville; a sister, Hilda Bennett of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or the American Heart Association.

Cindy Miller

NEWBURGH — Cindy L. Miller, 39, of Newburgh, died of malignant melanoma Thursday morning, June 29, 2000.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the First Christian Church in Newburgh.

She was born Sept. 23, 1960, in Whittier, Calif., to Max and Nancy Bolinger.

She married Ronald Miller on April 6, 1982, in Goshen. He survives in Newburgh.

Also surviving are her mother, Nancy Bolinger of Auburn; a son, Christopher Miller of Newburgh; a stepson, David Miller of Goshen; three stepdaughters, Dawn Wilfong of Goshen, Deb Albin of Goshen, and Dané Bixler of Fort Collins, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Kelly Bolinger of Auburn; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Pat and Bill Tusing of Leesburg, and Susan and Dale Hai-

flich of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

Her father preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Harrison & Metzger Funeral Home in Royal Center, Ind., with Pastor Steve Robinson of Baptist Christian Church, Royal Center, officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ohio Valley Hospice.

Rex Woodcock

MESA, Ariz. — Rex Allen Woodcock, 40, of Mesa, Ariz., died Thursday, June 29, 2000, at 2:35 a.m. in Mesa Valley Lutheran Hospital due to an extended illness.

Mr. Woodcock was a former resident of Garrett and Fort Wayne and attended schools in both areas before moving to Arizona in August 1981.

He was a production worker at Tri-City Mailing in Tempe, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 31, 1959, in Auburn. He is survived by his parents, Margie Mae (Warstler) Woodcock of Athens, Ohio, and Marvin E. Woodcock of Kendallville.

On Sept. 15, 1990, he married Sandy Brewer in Mesa, Ariz. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Joshua Allen Woodcock, at home; four brothers, Donald of Neosho, Mo., DeWayne of Denver, Colo., Ralph of Mesa, Ariz., and Neal of Northglenn, Colo.; two sisters, Nila Beasley-Soliz of Mesa, Ariz., and Pamela Gilkey of Athens, Ohio; and his paternal grandmother, Alma Woodcock of Auburn.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents, Roy and Laura (Bishop) Warstler; his paternal grandfather, Alfred E. Woodcock; and a niece, Laura Beasley.

Services will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Melcher Mortuaries, 6625 E. Apache Trail, Mesa, Ariz., with the Rev. Bobby Thompson officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Calling is Monday after 2 p.m. at the Melcher Mortuaries.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — David H. Vander Kaay, 53, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and two hours before services at the church on Saturday.

KIMMELL — Mary Louise Burns, 67, died Wednesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Saturday.

LAGRANGE — Vernon C. Johnson, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

Area Deaths

Ocala, Fla. — **Robert E. Trowbridge Sr.**, 80, formerly of Ligonier and Wolcottville, died Friday. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Roberts Bruce

Chapel East, 2739 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala, with calling after 1 p.m.

FRANKFORT, Ind. — **Daphne Deyne (Harrod) Richards**, 78, a

LaOtto native, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

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Deaths & Funerals

Ora Shoudel

AUBURN — Ora M. Shoudel, 94, died Friday, June 30, 2000, at 10:45 p.m. in Harborside Health Care-Crestwood at Milford, N.H.

Mr. Shoudel worked as a mechanic for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Co. in Auburn for 25 years. He then owned and operated the Shoudel Saw Mill in rural Auburn for 15 years. He retired in 1972.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He was born May 22, 1906, in Auburn to Michael and Alice (Carnahan) Shoudel.

He married Harriet McKean Shoudel on May 19, 1934. She died March 31, 1973.

Surviving are a son, John M. Shoudel of Goodwin, Va.; a daughter, Carolyn Stump of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a brother, Ray Shoudel of Leo; three sisters, Gladys Wilcoxson and Bertha Shoudel, both of Auburn, and Ruby Yoder of Huntertown; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lela Schwartz and Neva Boyce.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Kessler

AUBURN — Evelyn R. Kessler, 23 days old, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at 4:24 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 8 in Fort Wayne to Mitch and Kimberly (Chittenden) Kessler, who survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters, Carly Kessler and Grace Kessler; her maternal grandfather, Elbert Chittenden of Garrett; and her paternal grandparents, Donald and Debra Kessler of Columbia, Tenn.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Parkview's New Life Center.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

William Quinlan

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — William John Quinlan, 69, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, in his Bonita Springs home.

Mr. Quinlan was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Mac Users Club of Naples, Fla., and attended Living Waters Christian Church in Bonita Springs. He had lived in Auburn until moving to Lima, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 22, 1930, in Auburn.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; a son, William B. Quinlan of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and William Gutierrez of Estero, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Walter Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home in Bonita Springs. Burial will be in Naples Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

James Lenhart

ANGOLA — James S. Lenhart, 56, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at 7:50 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a salesman for James Lenhart & Associates for the past nine years. He had a lifetime career in sales, working for Woodman Accident & Life Insurance and Blue

Cross-Blue Shield Insurance. He was the recipient of numerous awards. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of SonLight Community Church.

He was active with the YMCA building fund program, and with the United Way organizations of Defiance County, Ohio, and Henry County, Ohio, as drive chair and president. He played and recorded with German and American polka bands, and graduated from Ayersville High School. He formerly lived in Defiance and Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Lenhart was born Aug. 20, 1943, in Defiance to Sylvester "Jack" and Evelyn (Tomecek) Lenhart. They survive in Defiance.

He married Suzanne M. Kissner on June 3, 1967, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Regina and Stephan A. Carey of Lansing, Mich., and Angela Lenhart of Chicago; one son, Anthony Lenhart, at home; two brothers, Joseph and Gerald, both of Defiance; one sister and brother-in-law, Kristina and Jeff Karr of Defiance; and two grandchildren.

An infant sister, Mary Ann Lenhart, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Defiance, with calling after 8 a.m. (Indiana time). Father Fred Duschl and the Rev. Joe Everly will officiate.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or SonLight Community Church.

Walter Gilliom

ANGOLA — Walter H. Gilliom, 93, of Angola, died Sunday, July 2, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Gilliom was self-employed and formerly owned a dry cleaning business and a bowling alley in Winchester. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born March 17, 1907, in Wells County to Mable (Clair) Gilliom.

He is survived by several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Ruby Gilliom, in 1983.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Dorothy Charles

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy A. Charles, 85, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at 8:35 p.m. in Kingston Care Center at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Vincennes and Indianapolis. She was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Charles was born Jan. 2, 1915, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Edwin and Ida (Struck) Boehn.

She married Theodore Charles, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Christina A. Wappes of Auburn and Karen L. Bell of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

A sister, Elizabeth Harris, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 5 p.m. The Rev. John Stube will officiate. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Ascension Lutheran Church.

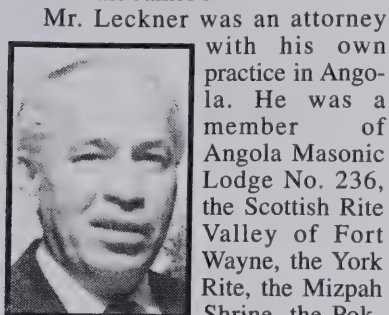
Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Ivan Keith Davis, 75, died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday. Services are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Leckner

ANGOLA — Richard L. Leckner, 62, died Monday, July 3, 2000, in his Lake James home.



Leckner

Mr. Leckner was an attorney with his own practice in Angola. He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, the York Rite, the Mizpah Shrine, the Pokagon Shrine Club, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Steuben County Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola Elks Lodge. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 19, 1938, in Brownsville, Pa., to William H. and Hazel (Green) Leckner.

On March 8, 1963, he married Nancy (Keveling) Leckner, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Leckner of Lake James; two daughters, Holly Boyd of Angola and Jill Leckner of Chicago; a brother, Donald Leckner of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Rosella Gayner of Rochester, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Matthew, Megan and Nicole Leckner and Sydney Boyd.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Leckner.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. Masonic service, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society and the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

George Lester

BUTLER — George Lester, 86, died Monday, July 3, 2000, at 8:05 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center at Fort Wayne. He had been ill for one month.

Mr. Lester was a lifelong farmer and a longtime resident of Kentucky. He had lived in Butler and Fort Wayne in recent years.

He was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Webbville, Ky., to Lindsey and Celina Frances (Greene) Lester.



Lester

Surviving are a daughter, Fran Higley of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Janet Morrow of Butler, Joyce Muehlfield of Lima, Ohio, and Laura Bowers of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, James Powers of Hudson, Fla.; one grandson, Brad Allen Greene, and one grandson, Conner John Green, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Nell Allen of Lexington, Ky.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Pastor Frederick Lab will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lucille Carr

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lucille I. Carr, 87, died Tuesday, July 4, 2000, at 9:40 a.m. in her daughter's home in Hicksville, Ohio. She had been in failing health for the past three months.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and a graduate of the Jewell, Ohio, high school. She was a member of the Hicksville First Presbyterian Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher, church elder and deacon. She was a member of the Women's Organization, Order of the Eastern Star, All Together Club, and the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered for over 44 years with the Red Cross and received the organization's Citizen of the Year Award.

She was born June 27, 1913, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Charles and Mary Mohr Flory.

She married Paul E. Carr in 1933. He died Sept. 25, 1980.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janis and Robert Meyer and Suzanne and Lynn Haver, all of Hicksville; a brother, Quentin Flory of Jewell, Ohio; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and an infant sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Hicksville Presbyterian Church on West Arthur Street, Hicksville. The Rev. John Naugle will officiate. Burial will be in the Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Wednesday, and from 8-11 a.m. Thursday (Indiana times) at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, and from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday (Indiana times) at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County or to the Hicksville First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

Jack Panning

GARRETT — Jack P. Panning, 72, died Monday, July 3, 2000, at 12:30 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Panning was a lifelong Garrett resident. He worked as a clerk for the B&O Railroad for 43 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett Eagles and Brotherhood of Clerks.

He was born Jan. 25, 1928, in Garrett to Paul and Edna A. (Jacklin) Panning.

Surviving are a daughter, Tonia Baker of Garrett; and two sons, Todd of Garrett and Lynn of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Nate and John, a daughter, Angie Panning, and a brother, Robert.

Services were held today at 1 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Dr. R. Larry Smith, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Donald Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Conley, 57, of Kendallville, died early Sunday morning, July 2, 2000. He had been ill 13 months.

He was born in Knott County, Ky., March 9, 1943, to Coonie and Ada (Collins) Conley. On April 14, 1998, in Ocala, Fla., he married Carol Coney. She survives.

Mr. Conley moved to this area as a child from Kentucky and was a self-employed mason.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brianna Conley of Angola; four son, Wayne Conley, Michael Conley and Jerry Conley, all of East St. Louis, Ill., and Larry Conley of Atlanta, Ga.; six sisters, Audrey Downing of Wolcottville, Zola Ramey of Helmer, Wanita Messer of Kendallville, Geneva Clinger of South Milford, Eileen Bolen of LaGrange, and Lorene Penick of Angola; four brothers, Hawlie Conley and Avery Conley, both of LaGrange, Verne Conley of South Milford, and Clyde Conley of Rome City; and six grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. David Stewart officiating.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Paul Arthur Clem**, 85, died at 9:50 a.m. Monday. Graveside services were held today in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

CHURUBUSCO — **Ivan Keith Davis**, 75, died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 7-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Robert L. Geiger**, 82, died March 16. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church.

UNION CITY — **Mary L. Wright**, 83, died Saturday. Services were held today in Union City.

The Evening Star, Thurs., July 6, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Ford Clifton

GARRETT — Ford H. Clifton, 85, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clifton was a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn for 22½ years, retiring in 1980. He lived in the Garrett and Corunna area for the past 40 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees.

He was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Garrett Eagles and Elks and Auburn Moose lodges.

He was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Jonesville, Mich., to Noel and Sylvia (Lowe) Clifton.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay D. Weber of Jackson, Mich.; a nephew, Donald Clifton of Fort Wayne; a great-nephew, Oden Clifton of Butler; and a friend, Donald Elliott of Garrett.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, with military services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Elberta Lindabury

WATERLOO — Elberta L. Lindabury, 64, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at 1 p.m. in her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Lindabury was a homemaker and formerly lived in Garrett.

She was born May 16, 1936, in Harlan to Oran and Blanche (Lions) Leavell.

She married Jimmie Lindabury on April 18, 1959, in Prescott, Ariz., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James of Auburn and Loren of Great Falls, Mont.; two daughters, Jeanna Shaver of Auburn and Elizabeth Tarlton of Garrett; three brothers, John Leavell of Fort Wayne, Freddie Leavell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Carl Leavell of Iowa; six sisters, Ruth Art of Florida, Anna Mae Adams of Kansas, Betty Leavell of Iowa, Elsie Love of Harlan, Mary Brown of Garrett, and Rose Battenburg of California; five grandchildren, Henry, Brian and Samantha Tarlton, Cody Lindabury and Heather Shaver; and one great-granddaughter, Clorissa Iddings.

A sister, Hazel Thomas, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Rick Timmerman

BUTLER — Graveside services for Rick Eugene Timmerman, 45, will be held Monday in Butler Cemetery. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate.

Mr. Timmerman, of Orlando, Fla., died April 29, 2000.

He was a self-employed automotive mechanic. He formerly lived in Butler, moving to Florida in 1983.

He was born Jan. 28, 1955, in Butler to Victor and Loretta (Hankey) Timmerman. They survive in Leesburg, Fla., and Butler.

Also surviving are a sister, Teressa Ross of Eustis, Fla.; two brothers, Von of Auburn and Charles of Butler; four nieces and one nephew.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Martha E. Bradley**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Son Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Nicole Michele Spitler-Davies**, infant daughter of Brandi Spitler and Warren Davies, died recently. Graveside services were today in Syracuse Cemetery.

The Evening Star, Fri., July 7, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Jean James

WATERLOO — Jean C. James, 78, died at 3 a.m. today, July 7, 2000, in her home.

Mrs. James was retired after working as a secretary for the former Auburn High School and then at DeKalb High School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

She was born Dec. 8, 1921, in Auburn to Clarence and Nellie (Schuster) Wittig.

She married Clyde James on Feb. 28, 1947, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Cindy James of Fort Wayne, Rick and Vicki James of Auburn, and Frederick James of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Durst of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Durst, Rebecca and Jeffrey James, Matthew Fetter, Jessica Immel and Stephanie James; and two great-grandchildren, Hanna Fetter and Nathan Immel.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bill Kaster and the Rev. Ben Keckler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the First United Methodist Church.

Rick Timmerman

BUTLER — Graveside services for Rick Eugene Timmerman, 45, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Butler Cemetery. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate.

Mr. Timmerman, of Orlando, Fla., died April 29, 2000.

He was a self-employed automotive mechanic. He formerly lived in Butler, moving to Florida in 1983.

He was born Jan. 28, 1955, in Butler to Victor and Loretta (Hankey) Timmerman. They survive in Leesburg, Fla., and Butler.

Also surviving are a sister, Teressa Ross of Eustis, Fla.; two brothers, Von of Auburn and Charles of Butler; four nieces and one nephew.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Hilda Hathaway

ANGOLA — Hilda Norene Hathaway, 83, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Waterloo Feb. 2, 1917, to Milton and Isaetta (Emmerling) Keller. On Dec. 17, 1951, in Fort Wayne, she married Merle Hathaway. He preceded her in death Jan. 11, 1981.

Mrs. Hathaway, a homemaker, had formerly lived in Waterloo and Hamilton and in Pleasant Lake 50 years before moving to Angola in 1994.

Surviving are a son, Foster Creager of Bronson, Mich.; two sisters, Merlyee Dohner of Hamilton, and Janice Helmkamp of Venice, Fla.; two brothers, Vern Keller of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Ernest Keller of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Kim Gramling, Frank Walter Jr., Lorene Keller, Foster Creager Jr. and Leroy DeLong; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Victor, Edgar and David Keller; and four sisters, Betty June, Goldie, Violet and Lilly Keller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, rural Angola.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Robert Taner

ANGOLA — Robert E. Taner, 77, of Angola, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Tanner retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola in 1988. He was a member of the Flint United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 17, 1923, in Paulding County, Ohio, and had lived in Steuben County since 1946.

On Feb. 21, 1946, he married Evia Ruth (Ayers) Taner, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Carl Taner of Angola and Leslie Taner of Lafayette; a daughter, Sharon McMillen of Angola; two sisters, Nita Long of Paulding and Mildred Safford of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Dale Taner, and a sister, Dorothy Mees.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Mildred J. Kime, 86, died Thursday. Arrangements are pending in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

COLUMBIA CITY — Karon Cearbaugh LeMaster, 57, died Sunday. Private family graveside services at 5 p.m. Monday in Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

SYRACUSE — Frank Arnold Johnson, 76, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Jean Kagey

AVILLA — Jean A. Kagey, 80, of Avilla, died Tuesday, July 4, 2000, in her residence.

She was born July 14, 1919, in Williams Center, Williams County, Ohio, to Clarence H. and Docia P. (Huffman) Bowers. On Aug. 8, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, she married Francis W. Kagey. He preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1999.

Mrs. Kagey had lived in this area eight years and prior to that had lived in Texas for 13 years. She was a homemaker and member of Trini-

ty United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gene (Kaye) Lampe of Avilla; two grandchildren, Scott Lampe of Sturgis, Mich., and Kristy Fry of Butler; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Chester A. Bowers.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School, Kendallville.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Jean James

WATERLOO — Jean C. James, 78, died Friday, July 7, 2000, at 3 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. James was retired after working as a secretary for the former Auburn High School and then at DeKalb High School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

She was born Dec. 8, 1921, in Auburn to Clarence and Nellie (Schuster) Wittig.

She married Clyde James on Feb. 28, 1947, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Cindy James of Fort Wayne, Rick and Vicki James of Auburn, and Frederick James of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Durst of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Durst, Rebecca and Jeffrey James, Matthew Fetter, Jessica Immel and Stephanie James; and two great-grandchildren, Hanna Fetter and Nathan Immel.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Bill Kaster and the Rev. Ben Keckler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Ford H. Clifton

GARRETT — Ford H. Clifton, 85, of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clifton retired from Warner Gear in Auburn in 1980 after 22 1/2 years of service as a machinist. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the Eagles and Elks lodges and the Loyal Order of Moose. He had also lived in the Corunna area and was a World War II Navy Seabee veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Kay D. Weber of Jackson, Mich.; a nephew, Donald Clifton of Fort Wayne; a great-nephew, Oden Clifton of Butler; and a friend, Donald Elliott of Garrett.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Burial with military graveside services will be at Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Hilda Hathaway

ANGOLA — Hilda Norene Hathaway, 83, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Waterloo Feb. 2, 1917, to Milton and Isaetta (Emmerling) Keller. On Dec. 17, 1951, in Fort Wayne, she married Merle Hathaway. He preceded her in death Jan. 11, 1981.

Mrs. Hathaway, a homemaker, had formerly lived in Waterloo and Hamilton and in Pleasant Lake 50 years before moving to Angola in 1994.

Surviving are a son, Foster Creager of Bronson, Mich.; two sisters, Merlyee Dohner of Hamilton, and Janice Helmkamp of Venice, Fla.; two brothers, Vern Keller of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Ernest Keller of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Kim Gramling, Frank Walter Jr., Norene Keller, Foster Creager Jr. and Leroy DeLong; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Victor, Edgar and David Keller; and four sisters, Betty June, Goldie, Violet and Lilly Keller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, rural Angola.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Deaths & Funerals

Paula Nehrenz

AVILLA — Paula Annette "Watson" Nehrenz, 55, of Avilla, died at 3:57 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2000.

Mrs. Nehrenz was a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville from 1992 to 1998. She graduated with a degree in nursing from Lutheran College in 1992. She was employed as a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines from 1968 to 1974.

Mrs. Nehrenz attended Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 9, 1945, in Cordele, Ga., to Hubert Richard and Gertie Mae (Hallman) Watson. On July 4, 1972, she married Robert H. Nehrenz in Montezuma, Ga. He preceded her in death in October 1997.

Surviving are her parents; a daughter, Angela M. Nehrenz of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Robert H. Nehrenz of Bloomington; and a brother, James Richard Watson of Cordele, Ga.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is at 10 a.m. Monday

at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.



Gail Grable

ALBION — Gail Grable, 60, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2000, in her home on the west side of Big Lake in Noble Township.

Mrs. Grable was born May 22, 1940, in Fulton County to Paul and Aletha Mae Clinker Cox. Her formative years were spent near Akron, where she completed her education in the local high school.

She lived near Claypool for several years before moving to North Manchester in 1974, then to South Whitley in 1979.

Mrs. Grable was a 17-year assembler at Singers Control Co. in North Manchester, retiring in 1987. She had worked for eight years at Tri Wick Co. in North Manchester.

She was a member of the North Webster Church of God.

On April 26, 1980, she married John Theodore Grable. They have lived at Big Lake since June 1987.

Surviving are her husband; a son, William Lee McKinzie and his wife, Kim, of North Manchester; two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Donna Marlene) Medley of Liberty Mills, and Mrs. Larry (Norma Jean) Barker of North Manchester; three stepsons, Lee Grable and his wife, Carol, of Fort Wayne, Tim Grable and his wife, Mi Yo,

of Tri Lakes, and Steven Grable and his wife, Jennifer, of Columbia City; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Bryan (Jill) Denny of North Manchester, and Mrs. Tom (June) James of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Milton Cox and Floyd Cox, both of Akron, and Dale Cox of Fulton; eight sisters, Marietta Basham of Mishawaka, Helen Cox of Akron, Genavee Snavely of Wabash, Pauline Meyer of Huntington, Willodean Zolman of VanBuren, Ark., Patsy Carpenter of Akron, Jean Kirby of Galveston, and Jane Kratzer of Akron; and 17 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, William, Earl and Harold Cox; and a sister, Donna Juanita Cox.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Norm Patton, pastor of North Webster Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Whitley County unit.

Treadie Myers

WAWAKA — Treadie M. Myers, 96, of Wawaka, died at 1 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2000, in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 11, 1903, in Wolf Lake to Charles and Blanche (Tucker) Targgart.

Surviving are a daughter, Blanchie White of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two sons, Carl Myers of Wawaka, and Lloyd Myers of LaGrange; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Linville Myers, on May 23, 1983; a daughter, Alice Myers, in 1926; a sister; and six brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church, 7328 North, Albion, IN 46701.

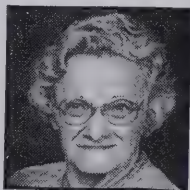
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Deaths/Funerals

Beverly Wallace

GARRETT — Beverly M. "Bebber Diddy" Wallace, 83, died Friday, July 7, 2000, at 6 a.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Wallace had resided in Garrett for all of her 83 years. She was a homemaker and drove for the Northeastern Center for 18 years.



Wallace

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Ladies of the Church.

She had performed as a clown known as "Bebber Diddy" with Smiles Unlimited-Rainbow Connection since 1989. She also was a member of the Garrett Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Aug. 8, 1916, in Garrett to Curt U. and Della M. (Steckley) Snyder.

On March 3, 1946, she married Wilbur B. Wallace in Garrett. He died Sept. 12, 1962.

Surviving are a daughter, Ivah M. Wallace of Fort Wayne; a son, Max Wallace of Auburn; and a sister, Jean Beard of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry L. and Garry W.; a grandson, Brian Wallace; and a brother, Clifford Snyder.

Services were held at 10 a.m. today in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was today in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Clowns Unlimited.



Harold Flegal

EDGERTON, Ohio — Harold J. Flegal, 63, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in his Edgerton home, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Flegal was the owner of Harold Flegal Excavating. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, the Hamilton Fish & Game Club in Hamilton, and the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Blakeslee, Ohio, to Bernard G. and Kathryn (Dietsch) Flegal.

He married Cecelia "Cissy" Brown on Jan. 10, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nev., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Timothy A. and Julie Flegal of Edgerton; one daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Thomas Bryant of Edgerton; five stepsons and their spouses, Timothy E. and Marie Brown of Farmington Hills, Mich., James J. and Shereene Brown of Edgerton, Michael J. Brown of Edgerton, Anthony Q and Amanda Brown of Edgerton, and David Matthew and Peggy Brown of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter and her husband, Jennifer A. and Robert Bowsher of Hicksville, Ohio; one brother and sister-in-law, James and Carla Flegal of Edgerton; three sisters, JoAnn Vogel song of Ney, Ohio,

Sandra Waldvogel of Stryker, Ohio, and Pam Miller of Wauseon, Ohio; and 20 grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) and Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties.

Michael Moore

ANGOLA — Michael Patrick Moore, 30, died suddenly on Sunday, July 9, 2000, in East Troy, Wis.

He was a drywaller and employed in construction for six years. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge. He graduated from Anna High School in Anna, Ohio, in 1988.

Mr. Moore was born April 23, 1970, in Coldwater, Mich., to Jack and Karen (Mcquire) McFarland. They survive in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a brother, Martin Moore Oviedo of Florida; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carie and Phil Schlink of Auburn, and Kelly Moore of Lakeville, Ohio; his girlfriend, Chris Seibert of Angola; his grandfather, Milford McFarland of Litchfield, Mich.; his stepmother, Jane Moore of Concord, Mich.; a stepsister, Denise Rulinski of Charlottesville, Va.; a half-brother, Larry Moore of Coldwater; a half-sister, Teri Moore of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the church.

John Stull

AUBURN — John Stull, 79, died Friday, July 7, 2000, at 6:55 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was born Jan. 30, 1921, in Nappanee to Martin and Eva Stull.

Surviving him are a brother, Charles Stull of Bremen, and one sister.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Abigail Weible

ANGOLA — Abigail Kay Weible, 2, of Angola, died Wednesday, July 7, 2000, at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis.

She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born Nov. 3, 1997, at Cameron



Abigail Weible

Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, to Brian K. and Natalie M. (Finley) Weible, who survive in Angola.

Also surviving are her paternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Booth of Angola; her maternal grandparents, Roy N. and Cheryl D. Finley of Bronson, Mich.; and her maternal great-grandparents, Paul and Loretta Hand of Bronson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Debbie Semen-Scott officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Indiana Chapter, and the Ronald McDonald House.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Larry Brown, 72, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Mary M. Zumbrun, 84, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Dale Treesh

AUBURN — Dale D. Treesh, 90, died Monday, July 10, 2000, at 6:40 a.m. in Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Treesh was a Corunna farmer for 70 years, retiring in 1997. He moved from Corunna to Auburn three years ago. He was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was born Nov. 27, 1909, in DeKalb County to Emery M. and Iva (DeWitt) Treesh.

He married Wilma Grate on Dec. 14, 1929, in DeKalb County and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Darleen Dalby of Arlington, Texas, and Roine and Joe Danclovic of Albuquerque, N.M.; one son and two daughters-in-law, Allan and Mickey Treesh of Charleston, S.C., and Joan V. Treesh of Garrett; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Don E. Treesh; two grandsons, Michael David Treesh and Patrick Anthony Treesh; and a granddaughter, Roxanne Walter.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Charles Deweese

BUTLER — Charles Clay Deweese, 72, died Monday, July 10, 2000, at 4:17 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deweese was a disabled World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He lived in Butler.

He was born Sept. 29, 1927, in Grand View, Ind., to Estill Clay and Evelyn (James) Deweese.

Surviving him is one sister, Alice Baldwin of Butler.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Theron Hanes of Warsaw and the Rev. Paul A. Patton, pastor of the Butler Church of the Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eastside Ministerial Association.

Lucille Dembickie

AVILLA — Lucille O. Dembickie, 87, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at 7 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Dembickie was a homemaker and lived in Avilla for 55 years. She had worked in dry cleaning in Auburn and Kendallville. She was a former Garrett resident and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Harvest House.

She was born May 30, 1913, in Kendallville to Willard and Myrtle (Hosler) Owen.

She married Frank J. Dembickie on Jan. 22, 1938 in Garrett. He died in 1975.

Surviving her are one daughter, Judith D. Henderson of Orange Park, Fla.; one son, Thomas A. Dembickie of Garrett; one sister, Donna Owen of Kendallville; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A sister, Lorene Ewell, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday after noon in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Martha Walker

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Martha C. Walker, 71, died Friday, July 7, 2000.

She was a native of Jasper, Fla., and a longtime resident of Jacksonville, Fla. She was a homemaker.

Her husband of 46 years, William Wesley Walker Jr., preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two daughters, Donna Eggeman and Debra Striplin; a son, William Wesley Walker III; her mother, Mrs. Wealthy Crews; a sister, Peggy Macomber; a brother, Woodrow Crews; and two grandchildren, William Wesley Walker IV and Richard Enon Striplin Jr.

Services were held today at George H. Hewell and Son Northside Funeral Home. The Rev. Terry Collins officiated, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Virginia Steiner

FORT WAYNE — Virginia L. "Bee" Jones Steiner, 77, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Steiner was a bus driver for Fort Wayne Community Schools for 45 years, retiring in 1999.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Fort Wayne.

Her first husband, Wilson Paul Jones, and second husband, Eli Steiner, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are a son, John Paul Jones of Auburn; two stepsons, Paul Steiner and Richard Steiner, both of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Phyllis McCoy of Orange, Calif., Wilma Peterson and Sharon Connor, both of Fort Wayne, and Carolyn Rowell of New Haven; a sister, Mildred Miller of Leo; two grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and 32 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Jack and Donald Amsden, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Highland Bethel Evangelical Mennonite Church, 3800 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Rosa Ruppert

WATERLOO — Rosa S. Ruppert, 87, died Monday, July 10, 2000, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo and an honorary member of the Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Smithfield Township, to Joseph and Catherine (Shoudel) Ruppert.

Surviving are two nieces, Marietta Barnett of Waterloo and Marilyn Freiburger of Kendallville; and two nephews, Gerard Ruppert of Hamilton and Alfred Ruppert of South Haven, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Tillie Ruppert, and two brothers, Francis and Vincent Ruppert.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Carole Trick

ANGOLA — Carole Ann Trick, 60, of Angola, died Sunday, July 9, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trick moved to Angola in 1996 from Missouri. She graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1961. She had worked as a registered nurse at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Mo.

She was born March 31, 1940, in Verona, Pa., to Donald and Maxine (Kipp) McCollum.

On Aug. 15, 1961, she married James Trick, who survives at home.

Also surviving are her mother, Maxine Rosenberger of Saltsburg, Pa.; three sons, Christopher of Kansas City, Daniel of Auburn, and Patrick of Angola; a brother, Carl L. Rosenberger Jr. of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a sister, Beverly J. Markland of Saltsburg, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Alexia, Emily and Natalie Trick.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Carl L. Rosenberger.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Burket-Truby Funeral Home in Oakmont, Pa., with the Rev. Jean Haslett officiating. Burial will be in Deer Creek Cemetery, Acmetonia, Pa.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Thursday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the Burket-Truby Funeral Home, Oakmont.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

The Evening Star, Wed., July 12, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Lucille Dickerhoff

BUTLER — Lucille Dickerhoff, 82, died Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 7 a.m. (Indiana time) in Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Dickerhoff was a nurse's aide at Betz Nursing Home. She lived in Butler and was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Indiana to William J. and Dessie May (Whitman) Diehm.

She married David Dickerhoff on Dec. 24, 1937. He died in February 1983.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Peggy Dickerhoff of Edgerton, Ohio, Michael and Toni Dickerhoff of Spencerville, and Charles and Theresa Dickerhoff of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Ilene and Wayne Hamman of Butler; three sisters, Ruby McCann of Hudson, Annabell Crowder of Kendallville and Garcile Brandeberry of Corona; eight grandchildren, James, Jordan, Shay and Chad Dickerhoff, Elaine Bremmer, Jeff Hamman, Pam Asher and Sarah Hummon; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Olen; one brother, Junior Diehm; one sister, Estell Marks; and three grandchildren, Dennis and Tim Hamman, and Kathy Jo Dickerhoff.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Harrison Lee Pauley**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

MARION — **Betty Jean Mote**, 72, died Monday. Private family graveside services.

James Fry

BUTLER — James William Fry, 68, died Monday, July 10, 2000, at 9:45 a.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Fry was a lifetime farmer and retired in 1994 from Auburn Foundry, where he had worked for 35 years.

He was born April 22, 1932, in Butler to James L. and Bertha (Garland) Fry.

He married Eloise Timmerman on Oct. 25, 1952, in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael James Fry and Daniel Lee Fry, both of Butler, and Lonnie Gene Fry of Auburn; one daughter, Deborah Jean Jackson of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Walter and Robert, both of Butler; seven sisters, Ann Morris, Beredene Jones, Dorothy Jone, Donna Landel, Janet Collingsworth, Bertha Porter and Margaret Miller; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jim McDonald officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.



Deaths/Funerals

Georgena Bodey

GARRETT — Georgena Bodey, 82, died Wednesday morning, July 12, 2000.

Mrs. Bodey had been the manager of Haffner's Five and Dime Store in Garrett.

She also was employed at Garrett Flexible.

She was born March 17, 1918, in Auburn, to Benjamin and Hazel (McCellan) Geisinger.

In May 1944, she married Everett Bodey in Auburn. He died April 28, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Lynn Bodey of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Tom Grant of Anderson; a daughter-in-law, Sally Martin of Auburn; two sisters, Eleanor Brown of Auburn and Mildred Woods of St. Joe; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two sons, Eugene and Gerald Martin; one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School Athletic Fund.

Jerry Joseph

AUBURN — Jerry Edwin Joseph, 62, of Auburn, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Joseph was a truck driver. He was born July 10, 1938, in Fort Wayne, to John E. and Lucille (Fulmer) Joseph.

On Sept. 22, 1956, he married Marilyn Bishop in St. Joe. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, David of Auburn, Tracey of Garrett, Rick of Clearmont, and Terry of Carmel; three daughters, Jo Ellen Knott of Garrett, Machel Joseph of Auburn, Ala., and Staci Quinonez of Waterloo; a brother, Jack of Angola; 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Saturday at

11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home at Waterloo, with the Rev. John McFarland and the Rev. Darwin Dunten officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Select Specialty, in care of St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Loren Hulbert

BUTLER — Loren L. Hulbert, 69, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 5:05 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Funeral Home in Butler.

Mr. Hulbert retired from the U.S. Navy in 1969. He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve.

He was born Jan. 4, 1931, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Elmer and Cleo (Scott) Hulbert.

He married Ruth Waterson April 3, 1955, in Las Vegas. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Gail and Robert Eberly of San Diego, Calif., and Teresa and Alan Willibey, Bernice and Don DeLong and Lauren Lawson, all of Butler; six brothers, Arlie Hulbert of Monroeville, Carl Hulbert of Seffner, Fla., Lloyd Hulbert of Pleasant Lake, Ronald Hulbert and Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Richard Rickerd of Garrett; one sister, Lola Rickerd of LaGrange Park, Ill.; one stepsister, Irma Hulbert of Butler; two stepbrothers, Jim Rickerd of Illinois and Calvin Rickerd of LaGrange Park; seven grandchildren, Chris and Kellie Willibey, Tim and Todd DeLong, Carrie Watson, Daniel Lawson, Trena Eberly; and one great-grandson, Eric Jordan.

Two brothers, Olen and Glenn Hulbert, and three sisters, Evelyn, Lucille and Dora Irene Hulbert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home in Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.



Deaths/Funerals

Florence Oberlin

SARASOTA, Fla. — Florence E. Oberlin, 91, of Sarasota and formerly of Waynedale, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

She was a homemaker and member of the Waynedale United Methodist Church.

She was born May 6, 1909, in Salem Center to George and Edith (Hills) Dreher.

On Sept. 7, 1936, she married Rex Oberlin, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Lynn Oberlin of Sarasota, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Mozelle Lewis

LIGONIER — Mozelle Roselyn Lewis, 74, of Ligonier, died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in her home.

She was born April 4, 1926, in Noble County to Forest Abraham and Della Delpha (Holzworth) Gill. On June 30, 1946, in Wawaka, she married Harry Calvin Lewis. He survives.

Mrs. Lewis, a lifetime area resident, retired in 1980 from Lyall Electric where she had worked in the factory. She was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling and crocheting.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Forrest Wayne and Elizabeth "Beth" Lewis of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky Jo (Lewis) and Donald Allen Deetz of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Cosperville Baptist Church with the Rev. James Rothhaar officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Cosperville.

Calling is from 2-7 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Cosperville Baptist Church or Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, LaGrange.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Wanda A. Galbreath**, 70, died Thursday. Services at 8 p.m. Saturday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

AVILLA — **Dorothea L. Clayton**, 93, formerly of Avilla, died Wednesday. Services were today in Frankfort.

CROMWELL — **Caren Rubacaba**, infant daughter of Fernando and Maria d Scorro Rubacaba, died Wednesday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. today in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Loren Hulbert

BUTLER — Loren L. Hulbert, 69, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 5:05 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Hulbert retired from the U.S. Navy in 1969. He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve.

He was born Jan. 4, 1931, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Elmer and Cleo (Scott) Hulbert.

He married Ruth Waterson April 3, 1955, in Las Vegas. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Gail and Robert Eberly of San Diego, Calif.,

and Teresa and Alan Willibey, Bernice and Don DeLong and Lauren Lawson, all of Butler; six brothers, Arlie Hulbert of Monroeville, Carl Hulbert of Seffner, Fla., Lloyd Hulbert of Pleasant Lake, Ronald Hulbert and Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Richard Rickerd of Garrett; one sister, Lola Rickerd of LaGrange Park, Ill.; one stepsister, Irma Hulbert of Butler; two stepbrothers, Jim Rickerd of Illinois and Calvin Rickerd of LaGrange Park; seven grandchildren, Chris and Kellie Willibey, Tim and Todd DeLong, Carrie Watson, Daniel Lawson, Trena Eberly; and one great-grandson, Eric Jordan.

Two brothers, Olen and Glenn Hulbert, and three sisters, Evelyn, Lucille and Dora Irene Hulbert, pre-

ceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home in Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

STURGIS, Mich. — **George Harman Grate**, 84, died Thursday, July 13, 2000. Services are Monday at 1 p.m. at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

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Alice M. Dillander

Fort Wayne

Alice M. Dillander, 74, of Fort Wayne, a member of Covenant Christian Center, died Thursday, July 13, 2000, at Parkview Hospital.

The Newville native was a homemaker.

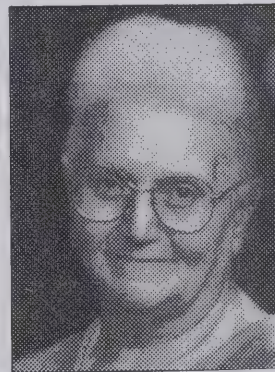
Surviving are her husband, Herbert V. Sr.; a daughter, Anna Marie Palmer of Fort Wayne; a son, Herbert V. Jr. of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William L., and a daughter, Helen V. Dillander.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., 426-9494.



Larry McKibbin

LIGONIER — Larry Larson McKibbin, 68, of Ligonier, died at 2:30 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2000, at his residence. He had been in failing health for some time.



McKibbin

On July 5, 1932, in Goshen, he was born to LaVoid and Icey (Loy) McKibbin. On Dec. 24, 1948, in LaGrange County, he married Lolita Powell. She survives.

He retired from operating McKibbin & Son Excavating & McKibbin Trucking.

Mr. McKibbin was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ and enjoyed traveling.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Leonard McKibbin and Louis McKibbin, both of Goshen; three daughters, Linda Mabie, of Crestview, Fla., Mrs. Bill (Luanne) Piggott, of Wawaka; and Mrs. Freeman (Lorraine) Miller, of Shipshewana; a sister, Janet Powell, of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Seven brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at Ligonier Church of Christ in Ligonier with Bob Soulliere officiating. Cremation will take place following the funeral service.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church of the American Diabetes Association.



Rebecca Steves

CHURUBUSCO — Rebecca J. Gilliom Steves, 80, of Churubusco, died at 7:45 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2000, at the home of her son following a two-year illness.

She moved to Churubusco in December 1999, from Anderson where she lived all her adult life.

On Oct. 5, 1919, in Nicholas County, Ky., she was born to Francis M. and Elizabeth C. (Boone) Mann.

She was a homemaker, involved in numerous civic organizations in Anderson and Madison County, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, and actively engaged working for both her husbands.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell E. and Lois Gilliom, D.D.S., of Churubusco; two grandchildren, Benjamin Gilliom and Erica Gilliom Rightler; a sister, Kaye Brindley, of Vevay; and a brother, Clay Mann, of Nicholas County, Ky.

Her husbands, Arthur V. Gilliom, D.D.S., and Walter W. Steves, preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1999, and March 1986, respectively.

Two sisters, Lillian Hollingsworth and Beulah Dollins, and a brother, Marion C. Mann, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2000, in the Rozelle Johnson Funeral Home, 229 S. Rangeline Road, Anderson, with the Rev. Rick Kimmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice, Whitley County Branch.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of local arrangements.

Paul Sawyer

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending for Paul H. Sawyer, 84, formerly of Kendallville, who died at 5:15 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2000, at Chosen Valley Care Center, Chatsfield, Minn. Sawyer moved to Chatsfield from Kendallville in December. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Lindsay Huckins

ALBION — Lindsay M. Huckins, 17, of Albion, died at 3:58 a.m. Thurs., July 13, 2000, in Garrett.



Huckins

On Feb. 7, 1983, in Cincinnati, Ohio, she was born to Kenneth and Margaret Huckins-Kline, who survive.

She was a student at Central

Noble High School in Albion, a member of the Central Noble Choir and lived in Albion for 10 years having moved from Big Long Lake in LaGrange County.

Surviving are two brothers, Steve Kline, of Wolcottville, and Ken Kline, of Huntington; and two sisters, Regenia Saum, of Kendallville, and Pam French, of West Virginia.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Rev. Wayne Rutz officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 11 a.m. Tuesday until service time at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative.

Paul Moore Jr.

ASHLEY — Paul S. Moore Jr., 64, of Ashley, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at his home.

On April 27, 1936, he was born to Paul S. and Beulah (Burkhalter) Moore Sr. in Willard, Ohio.

He was a janitor at Eagle Pitcher in Ashley.

Surviving are aunts, uncles and several cousins.

A sister, Nancy Moore, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. (Ohio time) Tuesday, July 18, 2000, in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard, Ohio.

Feller Funeral Home, of Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Frantz

GOSHEN — Helen Frantz, 75, of Goshen, died Friday, July 14, 2000, at home.

She had taught for Baugo Community Schools, and was a member of Bethel Missionary

Church, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and was vice president of Maple Crest Insurance Association Inc.

Surviving are her husband, Lloyd; two daughters, Brenda Mann, of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Lechlitner, of Goshen; a son, Jeffrey Frantz, of Goshen; two sisters, Joan McBrier of Goshen, and Patricia Hooley of Ligonier; a brother, J.R. Rohrer of Goshen; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, at Bethel Missionary Church, Goshen. Burial will be at Yellow Creek Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, and one hour before the service.

Memorials are to the church.

Leona Manahan

HAMILTON — Leona Manahan, 74, of Hamilton, died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On March 11, 1926, she was born in Hamilton to Archen and Lucile (Fifer) Everitt. On Jan. 25, 1945, she married Dean Manahan in Angola.

She worked for Moore Business Forms in Angola.

Mrs. Manahan was a member of Orland American Legion Auxiliary 423 and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Rosalyn Manahan, of Angola, Terry and Judy Manahan and Barry and Sharon Manahan, all of Hamilton; a brother, Robert Everitt, of Hamilton; a sister, Alice Aldrich, of Hamilton; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery.

Calling is 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.



Deaths/Funerals

Mary Hart

BUTLER — Mary Irene "Granny" Hart, 74, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Hart formerly lived in Albemarle, N.C. She worked as a waitress and nurse's aide at Irene Byron health care center in Fort Wayne, and the Meadowhaven and Butler Hotel nursing homes in Butler. She enjoyed playing bingo at Elegant Occasions in Hometown and American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

She was born April 29, 1926, in Orrville, Ohio.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert "Gerb" and Nancy Gerber of Butler, Charles "Tom" and Jean Haupt of Butler, and Harold "Flip" and Amy Flueckiger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Victoria Hopkins of Butler, and Cheryl and Ed Beerbower of Auburn; four sisters, Marjean Hamrick of Chatfield, Ohio, Ann Propst of Albemarle, N.C., Sandy Lester of Apple Creek, Ohio, and Susan Kalb of Bucyrus, Ohio; four brothers, Charles Fleming of Orrville, Ohio, Ray Fleming of Milan, Ill., Gary Fleming of Doylestown, Ohio, and Wayne Fleming of Aurora, N.C.; six grandchildren, Lynda Heffelfinger of San Ysidro, N.M., Bobbie Gerber of Knoxville, Tenn., Rhonda Diehl of Corunna, Angie Wolff of Waterloo, Sommer Anderson of St. Joe, and Jenese Brown of Garrett; seven grandsons, Todd Hauper and Jason Anderson, both of Auburn, Randy Haupt of Goshen, Dale Groff of Kendallville, Darin Groff of Butler, Brian Flueckiger of Indianapolis and Scott Flueckiger of Fort Wayne; seven great-granddaughters, Stacy Jo Heffelfinger of San Ysidro, Tiara Mast of Corunna, Shila Jo Groff of LaGrange, Erica Groff of Bryan, Ohio, Renee Groff of Butler, Krustin Wolff of Waterloo, and Leigha Brown of Garrett; and two great-grandsons, Kenton Heffelfinger of San Ysidro and Trenton Groff of Butler.

Her parents and a daughter-in-law, Mary Flueckiger, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Smith

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Howard Max Smith, 71, died Sunday, July 16, 2000, at St. Petersburg General Hospital.

Smith was born in Losantville, Ind., and was a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola.

He was retired as a certified petroleum landman.

Surviving are his wife, Mil-lacene, of Fort Wayne; his mother, Etta Smith of Losantville; two sons, Karl of Orange, Australia, and Walter of St. Petersburg; two stepdaughters, Lynn Medoff of Weston, Conn., and Jean Michael of Dover, Tenn.; three granddaughters and one stepgrandson.

Memorial services are pending at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, New Castle.

Memorials are to the Home Health Services or a charity of the donor's choice.

Leona Manahan

HAMILTON — Leona Manahan, 74, of Hamilton, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at 7:50 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Manahan retired in 1986 after working 22 years for Moore Business Forms in Angola. She was a member of Orland American Legion Auxiliary Post 423 and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. She attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born March 11, 1926, in Hamilton to Arden and Lucile (Fifer) Everitt.

She married Dean Manahan on Jan. 25, 1945, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Rosalyn Manahan of Angola, and Terry and Judy Manahan and Barry and Sharon Manahan, all of Hamilton; a brother, Robert Everitt of Hamilton; a sister, Alice Aldrich of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Beverly Potter

AVILLA — Beverly Ann Potter, 64, of Avilla, died at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2000, in her residence. She had been in failing health the past two years.

She was born in Avilla on Nov. 30, 1935, to William Burley and Fern Emma (Gump) Hindenlang. On Dec. 5, 1953, in Avilla, she married Ivan Potter. He survives.

Mrs. Potter, a lifetime Avilla area resident, was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church. She was a direct-mail specialist at Uniform Information Center for 28 years. She retired in 1997.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nancee S. Wentworth of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael L. and Chris Potter of Ashley, and David L. and Linda Potter of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Joanna Hindenlang Sr. of Avilla; seven grandchildren, Joshua Treesh, Alisha Wentworth, Ashlee Wentworth, Carmen Weber, Zachary Potter, Martina Potter and Alaina Potter; and two great-grandchildren, Reid Weber and Bailey Weber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, or Vista Care of Fort Wayne.

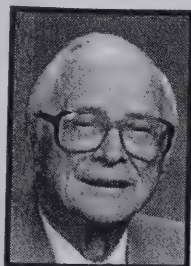
Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Christine Van der Smisen, 79, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Burtch

AUBURN — Raymond E. Burtch, 87, died Monday, July 17, 2000, at 9:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He had lived in Auburn the past three years, after spending most of his life in Garrett.



Burtch

Mr. Burtch worked in the printing trade all his life. He delivered a monthly shopper called "Market Basket" in 1926. He worked for Emmett Thomas Printers during high school and at the Waterloo

Press later. He later worked for J. Rox Cartwright Printing in Huntington, returning to Garrett in March 1937.

He started Burtch Printing Co. on April 1, 1937, and the DeKalb County Advertiser in 1958. He became partners with John Johnston in the printing business in June 1966, selling out to him in January 1967. He worked for Auburn Printing Co. as a compositor, returning to the Advertiser to manage it in December 1972, following Mr. Johnston's death and the publication's sale to Kendallville Publishing Co. In November 1978, he celebrated 50 years in the printing business and retired.

He was appointed in June 1957 by the Garrett City Council to a four-year term filling an open seat on the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school board. He remained on the school board until 1968, serving as president for three one-year terms. He was unanimously elected chairman of the DeKalb County Democratic Party in August 1970. He ran unsuccessfully in the Garrett mayoral primary in May 1971.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Garrett Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and Garrett Elks Lodge.

Mr. Burtch was born April 2, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch.

He married Alma Richmond on Dec. 31, 1936, in Garrett, and she died in September 1994.

He married Irene Bard on June 28, 1997, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Thomas Burtch of Charlevoix, Mich.; one brother, Richard Burtch of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Lois Deutch of Garrett and Lila Deutch of LaPorte; two grandchildren, Mark Burtch of Midland, Mich., and Heather Davidson of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Collin and Ian Burtch of Midland, and Brennan and Mikenna Davidson of Kalamazoo; two stepsons, David Bard of Hobart and Phillip Bard of Auburn; five step-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Jack Burtch, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. Lloyd Mealer and Nelson Deutch will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A Masonic Service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or the Heimach Center.

Andrew Zawadzke

AUBURN — A memorial service is planned Thursday for Andrew Zawadzke, 28, in Auburn Baptist Church, 500 Ensley Ave., Auburn.

He was born July 3, 1971, and died Feb. 2, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Kyle; his mother and stepfather, Cheryl and Gary Glaze of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Steve and Monique Zawadzke of Kendallville; and a sister, Susanne Zawadzke of Wolf Lake.

Mary Hart

BUTLER — Mary Irene "Granny" Hart, 74, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Hart formerly lived in Albemarle, N.C. She worked as a waitress and nurse's aide at Irene Byron health care center in Fort Wayne, and the Meadowhaven and Butler Hotel nursing homes in Butler. She enjoyed playing bingo at Elegant Occasions in Hometown and American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

She was born April 29, 1926, in Orrville, Ohio.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert "Gerb" and Nancy Gerber of Butler, Charles "Tom" and Jean Hauptert of Butler, and Harold "Flip" and Amy Flueckiger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Victoria Hopkins of Butler, and Cheryl and Ed Beerbower of Auburn; four sisters, Marjean Hamrick of Chatfield, Ohio, Ann Propst of Albemarle, N.C., Sandy Lester of Apple Creek, Ohio, and Susan Kalb of Bucyrus, Ohio; four brothers, Charles Fleming of Orrville, Ohio, Ray Fleming of Milan, Ill., Gary Fleming of Doylestown, Ohio, and Wayne Fleming of Aurora, N.C.; six granddaughters, Lynda Heffelfinger of San Ysidro, N.M., Bobbie Gerber of Knoxville, Tenn., Rhonda

Diehl of Corunna, Angie Wolff of Waterloo, Sommer Anderson of St. Joe, and Jenese Brown of Garrett; seven grandsons, Todd Hauper and Jason Anderson, both of Auburn, Randy Hauptert of Goshen, Dale Groff of Kendallville, Darin Groff of Butler, Brian Flueckiger of Indianapolis and Scott Flueckiger of Fort Wayne; seven great-granddaughters, Stacy Jo Heffelfinger of San Ysidro, Tiara Mast of Corunna, Shila Jo Groff of LaGrange, Erica Groff of Bryan, Ohio, Renee Groff of Butler, Krustin Wolff of Waterloo, and Leigha Brown of Garrett; and two great-grandsons, Kenton Heffelfinger of San Ysidro and Trenton Kirkman-Groff of Butler.

Her parents and a daughter-in-law, Mary Flueckiger, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.



Martin Brechbill

AUBURN — Martin "Richard" Brechbill, 79, died today, July 18, at 4:30 a.m. in his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Brechbill was a farmer for more than 54 years. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a 50-year life member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a member of many agricultural organizations.

He was born Dec. 2, 1920, in Garrett, to Martin Ray and Ruth Etta (Yarde) Brechbill.

He married Ruth "Jean" Hinshaw on May 15, 1943, in Starkville, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Phil Brechbill of Auburn; three granddaughters, Beth Bechdol of Alexandria, Va., Sarah Brechbill of Auburn, and Jennifer Greathouse of Indianapolis; two grandsons, Zachary Spence of McMinnville, Ore., and Jacob Spence of West Lafayette; and one great-grandson, Sam Greathouse of Indianapolis.

One daughter, Cynthia Jean Spence, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with Lowell Williams and Rebecca Williams officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church Organ Fund or Parkview Hospice.

Louise Braman

ANGOLA — Louise Braman, 88, of Angola, died Sunday, July 16, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Braman served as a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for 10 years. She was member of the First Congregational Church of Angola and a member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary for many years.

She was born March 19, 1912, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to Carl and Grace (Weicht) Dygert.

On Aug. 15, 1936, she married Wayne "Pete" Braman. He died June 13, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Connelly of Angola; a brother, Herman Dygert of Angola; two granddaughters, Maureen Connelly and Megan Peel; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley Everidge and Eric Connelly.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

Betty Jackson

ANGOLA — A graveside service for Betty Jackson, 82, of Louisville, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating.

Mrs. Jackson died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, at her home.

She was a homemaker and former resident of Jimmerson Lake, one of the founding members of the Jimmerson Lake Property Owners Association, and a long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Steuben County Women's Club.

She was born July 30, 1917, in Matthews to William and Maude (Shoemaker) Lindsay.

On Feb. 11, 1940, she married Dr. Dean Jackson, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Brooks of Washington, D.C., and Tom of Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Susan Balliet of Louisville, and Linda Kurpinski of Huntington Woods, Mich.; one brother, William Lindsay; two sisters, Frances Hofherr and Margaret Whitsall; and eight grandchildren.

A previous memorial service was held in Kentucky at the time of her death.

Local arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Ronda S. Neff, 37, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Leins

CORUNNA — Thomas L. Leins, 56, died Monday, July 17, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leins lived in Corunna. He was a self-employed logger for 30 years and a farmer. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1962 and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Korea.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2748 and American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville, and Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna.

He was born Jan. 21, 1944, in Auburn to Roy and Esther Marie (Biddle) Leins.

He married Bonda Greer on Oct. 27, 1990, in Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving him are a daughter, Shannon Leins of Corunna; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Pat Moore of Wolcottville, and Sherri and Scott Gallup of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Dixie Leins; one sister, Linda Stahl of Corunna; two grandchildren, Tyler Conley of Corunna and Malory Ficher of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas; one daughter, Cheryl; and one sister, Louis Collins.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or to Riley Hospital for Children.

Artina Sommer

FORT WAYNE — Artina B. Sommer, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, July 17, 2000, at her residence.

Mrs. Sommer was a member of the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She worked at ARA Food Service for 22 years, retiring in 1989.

She was born Nov. 27, 1927, in Decatur.

Surviving are her husband, Robert C. Sommer of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Vicky E. Best of Ossian; three sons, Thomas C. Sommer

and Jeffrey A. Sommer, both of Fort Wayne, and Robert D. Sommer of Zanesville; two sisters, Beverly A. Schwartz of Fort Wayne and Diane S. Maitlen of Indianapolis; three brothers, Robert E. Cable of Auburn, Norbert D. Cable of Decatur and Gene Cable of Mountaintop, Ark.; and eight grandchildren.

One brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday after 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Donna Westfall

FREMONT — Donna Westfall, 70, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at her home.

Ms. Westfall was retired from Acorn Manufacturing in Quincy, Mich. She enjoyed sewing, reading and planting flowers.

She was born Dec. 11, 1929, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Roy and Ola Belle (Moss) Havens.

Surviving are her longtime companion, Kenneth Schaeffer of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jacqueline and Arvin Lane of Hillsdale, Mich., and Jeannie and Fred Elkins of Hudson; three sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Lois Westfall of Pleasant Lake, Steven and Cynthia Westfall of Watervally, Ky., and Roger and Cheryl Westfall of Fremont; two sisters, Dorothy Murdock of Lees Summit, Mo., and Reva Myers of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Jim Havens and Jerry Havens, both of Litchfield, Mich., and Lloyd Havens of Union City, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers and a grandson.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home,

Fremont, with the Rev. Dennis Dubendorf officiating. Burial will be in Nettle Lake Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Hospice.

Arnold Dicke

GARRETT — A memorial service for Arnold Frederick Dicke, 87, will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Harvey L. Huntley Jr. will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dicke died Sunday, June 28, 2000, at 10:27 p.m. in Community Hospital, New Port Richey, Fla.

Mr. Dicke had moved to New Port Richey from Vandallia, Mich., three years ago. He had wintered in Florida for many years.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and served as a plant safety and security director for Uniroyal for 28 years. He retired in 1978. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Michigan.

He was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Huntertown, to William and Elizabeth (Klaehn) Dicke.

His wife, Julie Dicke, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one son, Ronald Dicke of Garrett; one daughter, Carolyn Ann Dove of Kendallville; one sister, Hilda Bennett of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center or American Heart Association.

Kenneth Helblig

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth E. Helblig, 80, died Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 8:25 p.m. in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Helblig worked for the Wells County division of the State Highway Department and lived in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 8, 1920, in Ossian to Frank J. and Mary C. (Davis) Helblig.

He married Margaret E. Bell, who died in 1968.

Surviving him are a son, Ralph Helblig of Bluffton; two daughters, Melanie Prater of Bluffton and Annetta Rose Helblig of Indianapolis; three brothers, John of Tennessee, Norman of South Carolina and Sherm of Arizona; five sisters, Erma Blair of Garrett, Geraldine Biberstine, Virginia Hower and Lola Myers, all of Bluffton, and Katherine Ricken of Leesburg, Fla.; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Earl, Ronnie and Wilbur, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Paul Harold Sawyer**, 84, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Carol Feightner

BUTLER — Carol Sue Feightner, 55, died Monday, July 17, 2000, at 9:02 a.m. in her Butler home.

She was a homemaker and worked as a machinist at Foamex for 11 years. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 7, 1944, in Fort Wayne. Her mother, Alice (Krontz) Houlton, and stepfather, Leon Houlton, survive in Auburn. Her father, Robert Ewing, is deceased.



Feightner

Also surviving are two sons, James Feightner and Shane Feightner, both of Butler; a daughter, Gina Nelson of Albion; one brother, Larry Houlton of Butler; and three sisters, Linda Ewing and Ann Bigger, both of Auburn, and Helen Nichols of Butler.

A brother, Ronald Ewing, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Maxton Park, Butler.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.



Thomas Leins

CORUNNA — Thomas L. Leins, 56, died Monday, July 17, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leins lived in Corunna. He was a self-employed logger for 30 years and a farmer. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1962 and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Korea.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2748, American Legion Post 86, Eagles Lodge 985 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville, and Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna.

He was born Jan. 21, 1944, in Auburn to Roy and Esther Marie (Biddle) Leins.

He married Bonda Grear on Oct. 27, 1990, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving him are a daughter, Shannon Leins of Corunna; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Pat Moore of Wolcottville, and Sherri and Scott Gallup of Coldwater, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Dixie Leins; one sister, Linda Stahl of Corunna; two grandchildren, Tyler Conley of Corunna and Malory Ficher of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas; one daughter, Cheryl; and one sister, Louis Collins.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or to Riley Hospital for Children.

Magdalena Dulle

AUBURN — Magdalena Dulle, 94, died Wednesday, July 19, 2000, at 6:25 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Dulle was a homemaker and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born March 27, 1906, in DeKalb County to Mathis and Johanna (Kline) Schoudel. They preceded her in death.

She married Edward B. Dulle on May 23, 1929, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. He died Nov. 7, 1988.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frances and Joanne Dulle of Auburn, and Ambrose and Helen Dulle of Plymouth; one daughter and son-in-law, Johanna and Earl Fryklind of Arcadia, Fla.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

One grandson, three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

A funeral mass will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, rural Waterloo.

Calling also is Friday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to masses.

Florence Shanebeck

AUBURN — Florence K. Shanebeck, 91, died Tuesday, July 18, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shanebeck was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a volunteer in the Lutheran Hospital gift shop for 30 years.

She was born June 14, 1909, in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Clarence Shanebeck, died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, June Ellyn Wyss of Auburn and Nova Joan Hullman of Denver, Colo.; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 401 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Soledad Ballines, infant daughter of Victor and Gabriela Ballines, died Tuesday. Graveside services were today in LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — C. Marjorie Keiser, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Antoinette Salerno

ANGOLA — Antoinette M. Salerno, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 4:20 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Salerno worked as a shipping clerk at Sun Chemical in Chicago for 25 years, retiring in 1985. She attended St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born June 11, 1924, in Chicago to James and Julia (Motaque) Falcone.

She married Frank Salerno Jr. on Nov. 15, 1947, in Chicago. He died April 10, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Patrick F. of Angola and Michael J. of Chicago; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ann Marie Kohnke of Chicago.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Frank Falcone and Joseph Falcone, and two sisters, Carolyn Muzzillo and Eleanor Martini.

Services will be held Monday, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Memorials are to Hospice of Steuben County or masses.

Dorothy Ingalls

PITTSBURGH — Dorothy M. Ingalls, 95, of Pittsburgh and formerly of Angola and Wilmette, Ill., died Monday, July 3, 2000, in Pittsburgh.

She taught school in Angola in the 1920s.

She was born Jan. 29, 1905, in Ida Grove, Iowa, to Henry and Liddie Crane.

On Aug. 1, 1929, she married Dr. Clair Ingalls, who preceded her in death in 1961.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Ingalls of Monticello, Wis.; a daughter, Mary Jo Purvis of Sewickley, Pa.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her in-laws, Dr. Carl and Madge Ingalls of Angola.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Clementine "Clemie" Bowser**, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m.

Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

Surviving are one son, Alan D.L. Showalter of Bellevue, Wash.; three daughters, Ruth Electra Terry of Columbus, Texas; Susan Anne Reynolds of Angola; Chloe Lurline Reynolds of Churubusco; one brother, Ronald Showalter of Garden City, Mich.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Steuben County Senior Center.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Services were held Friday for **Evelyn R. Morr** in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mildred E. Currier**, 74, of Kendallville, died Thursday, July 20, 2000. Calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. There are no services. The burial will be at a later date.

Arlene Masse

ANGOLA — Arlene F. Masse, 92, of Angola, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

She was born in Butler Dec. 7, 1907, to William and Bessie (Greenwalt) Craun. She married Victor Masse, who preceded her in death in 1970.

Mrs. Masse, a resident of Steuben County most of her life, was a homemaker and member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a sister, Betty Mott of Angola; six grandchildren, Paul and Lewis Dittmer, Danny, David and Ivy Masse and Debbie Benson; and two great-grandchildren, Toby Masse and Joshua Porter.

She was also preceded in death by a son, William Masse, in 1997; a grandson, Victor Masse, in 1996; a stepdaughter, Eleanor Dittmer; a brother, Carl Craun in 1999; and a sister, Geneva Garman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home.

Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery, rural Angola.

Calling is one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Flint United Methodist Church.

Alan Showalter

ANGOLA — Alan B. Showalter, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Showalter taught for 23 years at Tri-State University in Angola, then was a consulting engineer in the electronics field. Prior to coming to Tri-State, he was employed in the electronics industry. He was a member of IEEE, Kiwanis, Parliamentarian Club and Toastmasters.

He was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Alton, Kan., to Fox and Ruth (Stephenson) Showalter. They preceded him in death.

He married Anita (Williams) Showalter on Jan. 23, 1942.



SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2000

Donald Babcock

ANGOLA — Donald G. Babcock, 90, of Angola, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Babcock had retired as a multiple wire winder at Phelps Dodge and General Electric in Fort Wayne. He owned the Green Apple Motel and Crestwood Motel and Mobile Home Park at Silver Lake in Steuben County. He belonged to the Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, was a charter member of the Angola Moose Lodge and belonged to the Paradise Bay Shuffle Board Club in Florida.

He was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Lima, Ohio, to Charles E. and Eva (Kepner) Babcock. On Sept. 24, 1928, he married Frieda K. Hansen, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Hugh Babcock of Hudson and James Babcock of Nineveh; one daughter, Constance (Connie) Downey of Muncie; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Byers.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating. Burial is in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for Jacqueline M. Spacy were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, with Father Gan Leeuw officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla.

Pallbearers were James Richards, Ted Teders, Jim Coats, Don Monesmith, Tony Ley and John Lash.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Weigold

COLUMBIA CITY — Larry Lee Weigold, 64, died Friday, July 21, 2000, in Columbia City.

Mr. Weigold was an Army veteran and owned and operated Weigold's Marathon in Wolf Lake with his brother from 1960-1966 and was sole owner from 1981-1987. He worked at Superior Linkage in New Haven from 1974-1981, and was employed at Electric Motors and Specialties in Garret since 1993.

Mr. Weigold was a member and served as an usher at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. He was active in Boy Scouting for 18 years and served on the Wolf Lake Onion Days and Wolf Lake High School Alumni committees.

He was born Jan. 28, 1936, in Columbia City to David Arispa and Jennie Catherine (Quinn) Weigold. On Oct. 8, 1960, he married Catherine Christina Vachon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel Lawrence and Laura Weigold and Michael Herman and Tonia Weigold, both of Columbia City, and Steven Matthew and Jeni Weigold of Ligonier; one daughter, Mrs. Mark (Christina Marie) Schilling of Columbia City; one brother, David Doyle and Marg Weigold of Columbia City; two sisters, Phyllis Eileen Hull and Mrs. Paul (Ardith) Smith, both of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Joan Weigold of Columbia City; seven grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Gravitt, and one brother, Herbert Alton Weigold.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City, and after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials can be made in the form of masses to the church, to Our Lady of the Snow in southern Illinois, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Charles Booher

LAGRANGE — Charles J. Booher, 69, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, July 20, 2000, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

Mr. Booher had moved to LaGrange County from Bluffton in 1976. He was retired from Dometic Corp. and was the owner of Charlie's Microfilm, LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 13, 1930, in Wells County to Charles and Olive (McKee) Booher. He married Betty M. Foreman Booher on Dec. 27, 1974, in Liberty Center. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Gary (Kandice) Sleppy and Mrs. Don (Debra) Rogers, both of Liberty Center, and Mrs. Michael (Terri) Parsons of Bluffton; three step-daughters, Mrs. Scott (Lana) Zoll of Liberty Center, Brenda Barkdull of Bluffton and Mrs. Keith (Jenina) Penrod of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one step-son, Roger D. Mertz Jr. of Montpelier; one sister, Mrs. Olin (Waldene) Gilbert of Montpelier; two brothers, Robert Booher of Celina, Ohio, and Bud Booher of Marion; his step-mother, Nora Booher, of Marion; and 21 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Booher and George Booher; and one sister, Berniece Ely.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.



Clela Esterline

SOUTH WHITLEY — Clela Marie Esterline, 84, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at the home of her son in South Whitley.

She had been employed at Blue Bell, General Electric and helped in the Jefferson Center High School cafeteria. She was a member of the Jefferson Chapel United Methodist Church and Eagles Auxiliary No. 1906.

She was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Whitley County to Orin and Edna Mae (Schinbeckler) McCoy. She married Clifford L. Esterline on Sept. 2, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She is survived by two sons, Albert Esterline of South Whitley and Donald Esterline of Ligonier; a daughter, Dorothy McCoy of Columbia City; two brothers, Roy G. McCoy and Robert L. McCoy, both of Columbia City; one sister, Jeanette Schultz of Columbia City; and 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Watson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jefferson Chapel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Leonard King and Pastor Mark Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse Services of Northeast Indiana or Jefferson

Chapel United Methodist Church.

Floyd Lyke

ANGOLA — Floyd B. Lyke, 89, of Angola, died Friday, July 21, 2000, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Lyke worked as a carpenter, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Territorial Church in LaGrange County (TLC) and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born June 25, 1911, in Chamberlain, S.D., to Francis L. and Mattie A. (Bennett) Lyke.

His wife, Jeanette (McConnell) Lyke, preceded him

Eileen Bores

LIGONIER — Eileen Margaret Bores, 67, of Ligonier, died Friday, July 21, 2000, at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Bores was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. She was a homemaker and house maid, and was employed at Sroufe Manufacturing after moving to Ligonier in 1988 from Norwalk, Ohio.

She was born Nov. 3, 1932, in Monroeville, Ohio, to Edward and Theresa C. (Rossman) Barman. On Aug. 23, 1952, she married Leon Bores in Peru, Ohio. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Bores of Peru, Ohio; four daughters, Donna Wallace, Sharon Perry, Elaine Spaulding and Leona Hoffman, all of Syracuse; one brother, Norbert Barman of Norwalk, Ohio; one sister, Delores Kimball of Monroeville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Edwin Barman.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Peru, Ohio. Calling will be held two hours prior to services at Heaston-Gerber Funeral Home, Norwalk, Ohio.

Memorial may be made to Goshen Home Health Care and Hospice. Arrangements by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Horton of Angola; a son, David Lyke of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Lillian Vosburg of Sun City, Ariz.; and four grandsons, Andrew Horton of Angola and David B. Lyke, John Lyke and Jesiah Lyke, all of Nashville, Tenn.

He also was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

A celebration service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Crooked Lake Community Center, Angola. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are the Creek Indian Outreach (TLC) and the Emaues Children's Choir (TLC).

Betty Anderson

WAWAKA — Betty Rose Anderson, 74, of Wawaka, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wolcottville and the Power Squadron District No. 29 Auxiliary. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed crafts and cross-stitching.

She was born Jan. 23, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Vernon E. and Frances (Roux) Reed. She was married to her husband, Don, for 53 years. He survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two sons, Barry and Pat Reed of Cleveland, Ohio, and Neil K. and Linda Reed of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Jerry and Karen Folsom of Wolcottville; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Reed Jr.

Services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimers Association, 2940 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Byron S. Hilligoss**, 37, died Thursday at home. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home Miller Chapel.



Deaths/Funerals

Jerry Coler II

WATERLOO — Jerry D. Coler II, 17, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at 11:09 a.m. in a traffic accident on County Road 27, south of Ashley.

He was an honor student at DeKalb High School, where he would have been a senior this fall. He lived in Waterloo and worked for Perkins Septic and Drain in Hudson and the Ponderosa Restaurant in Auburn. He also was interested in cars.

He was born Nov. 7, 1982, in Angola. His father, Jerry D. Coler, survives in Hudson. His mother, Paula J. Coler, and her fiancé, John Perry, survive in Waterloo.

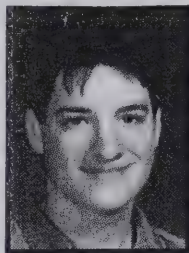
Also surviving are one brother, Shane Coler of Auburn; one sister, Tara Coler of Waterloo; a future stepbrother, Skylar Perry; his grandparents, Jerry and Terry Perkins of Hudson, Gerald and Carol Coler of Hudson, and John and Diann Gephart of Angola; his great-grandparents, Jessie Dove of Ashley, Dave and Jane Coler of Angola, Ford Perkins of Hudson, and Anna Belle Gase of Decatur; his girlfriend, Kris Ray of Auburn; 22 aunts and uncles, and several cousins.

Four great-grandparents, Jim Dove, Helen Perkins, Virginia Gephart and Ambrose Gase, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Dean Snyder will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.



Coler

Olive Weicht

ANGOLA — Olive E. Weicht, 101, of Angola, died Sunday, July 23, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Weicht was the co-owner of Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and had been a first-grade teacher in Metz, Hamilton, Angola, Auburn and Pleasant Lake.

She was the oldest living graduate of Tri-State University, graduating in

1916.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Angola, where she was the organist for 25 years. She was a member of the Francis Clark Music Club and a 75-year member of Angola Chapter 78, Order of the Eastern Star. A member of the Retired Teachers Association, she also was named the Steuben County Business and Professional Women's "Woman of the Year" in 1969. From 1955-68, she was the pianist for the Tri-State Glee Club.

She was born May 12, 1899, in Angola to Eugene and Lillie (Swift) Sharp.

On Aug. 28, 1926, she married Joseph H. Weicht. He preceded her in death on March 30, 1956.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Suzi Weicht of Angola; three grandchildren, Jon and Jeffrey Weicht and Beth Lee, all of Angola; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Guy Sharp, in 1974, and a sister, Audra Gnagy, in 1928.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the



Weicht

Naomi Pupeter

LEOPOLD SHAFEN, Germany — Naomi Fretz Pupeter, 66, died Wednesday, July 19, in Germany.

She lived in Leopold Shafen, Germany, and formerly lived in Auburn.

Mrs. Pupeter was born Feb. 2, 1934, in Auburn to Clarence and Zola Fretz. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Etta Fretz of Bloomington.

One brother, Philip, and one sister, Mary Steininger, preceded her in death.

Services were held in Germany.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Goebel

GARRETT — Robert W. Goebel, 72, died Monday, July 24, 2000, at 2 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mr. Goebel worked as a millwright at Warner Gear in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 1979. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He had lived in Garrett since 1944.

He was born Aug. 12, 1927, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Walter C. and Goldie (Young) Goebel.

He married Mary "Maxine" Snyder on Nov. 26, 1947, in Florida. She died Dec. 25, 1998.

Surviving him are three sons, Dennis Goebel of Garrett, Mark Goebel of Auburn and Chuck Goebel of Fort Collins, Colo.; two daughters, Pam Woods of Garrett and Cerinda Brinker of Kendallville; four sisters, Velma Bigger and Marilyn Juarez, both of Edgerton, Ohio, Laura Belle Eisch of Hicksville, Ohio, and Rosella Gerber of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One great-grandchild preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Andrew Hagle officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Embrey Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Chester Miller

COLDWATER, Mich. — Chester L. "Pat" Miller, 64, of Coldwater, died Monday, July 24, 2000, at Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Miller worked for 30 years with Simpson Industries in Fremont. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Dec. 18, 1935, in LaGrange to LeRoy and Edna (Boyd) Miller. His mother survives in Coldwater.

On March 31, 1983, he married Patricia (Ricker) Miller in East Gilead, Mich. She survives at home.

Also surviving are seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Alice Slete of Hillsdale, Mich., Katy and Scott Clark of Mason, Mich., Joyce and David McFate of North Adams, Mich.; Deborah and Kenneth Kempton of Coldwater, Annie Kraner of Atlanta, Angela and Timothy Keyes of Plymouth, Wis.; Amy and Brian Smith of Reading, Mich.; four sons and four daughters-in-law, Tony LeRoy and Tina Miller of Fremont, Jeffrey and Susan Howard Miller of Port Orange, Fla., Patrick LeRoy and Tina Miller of Angola, and David and Mandy Allemeier of Coldwater; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; special friends, Kevin and Patty Stegmann and family and Kim Scott and Chet Prater and family; and his faithful dog, Skeeter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis Raye Miller; a son, Ricky Allemeier; and a granddaughter, Samantha Miller.

Memorial services and calling will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Woods officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Community Health Center of Branch County and the intensive-care unit of Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO - Robert L. Brooks, 62, died Monday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. No calling.

HOWE — Susanna Light, 80, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

COLUMBIA CITY — Darian L. Gipson, 28, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Walter Schuller

CORUNNA — Walter M. Schuller, 81, died Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 3:58 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He retired in 1981 as a quality control supervisor at Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, with 36 years of service. He was a lifetime Fairfield Township farmer and a member of Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield in rural Corunna.



Schuller

Mr. Schuller was a member and past president of the Bar None Saddle Club and DeKalb County Fair Association. He was a DeKalb County 4-H Horse & Pony Club group leader, and a former member of the Indiana State 4-H fair board and DeKalb Memorial Hospital board. He was an avid DeKalb Barons fan.

He was born Oct. 13, 1918, in Holgate, Ohio, to Phillip and Etta (Herr) Schuller.

He married Phyllis Martz on July 2, 1944, in Zion Lutheran Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Jean Schuller of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Tom Kolbus of Indianapolis; one sister, Phyllis Uehlein of Spencerville; two grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Margaret Axtell and Marvelle Freeze, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in Zion Lutheran Church-West Fairfield, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. Al Wingfield will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or DeKalb County Athletic Association.

E. David Steffen

CLAYPOOL — E. David Steffen, 55, of Claypool, died at 7:44 p.m. Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steffen, a 16-year resident of Kosciusko County, was a production worker for Northern Indiana Brass. He was a new member of the New Life Christian Church and World Outreach in Warsaw.

He was born Sept. 18, 1944, in Elkhart to Earl Donald and Bernice Elnora (Miller) Steffen.

On Oct. 27, 1963, he married Phyllis Ruth (Aughinbaugh) Steffen, who preceded him in death on

Dec. 21, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Patrick Sills of Angola, and Esther Steffen of Pierceton; and two sons, David P. Steffen of Claypool, and Michael H.D. Steffen of Rochester.

He also was preceded in death by two daughters and a son.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at New Life Christian Church and World Outreach, Warsaw, with burial in Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the New Life Christian Church and World Outreach or the Well Child Clinic of Angola.

Arrangements are being made by Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Sherry Beardsley

CORUNNA — Sherry Beardsley, 55, of Corunna, died Tuesday, July 25, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Jackson, Tenn. She was an elementary school teacher with the East Allen County Schools, teaching all grades except third during her career. She taught a fifth-sixth grade split at Woodburn Elementary School for the 1999-2000 school year. She served on the Indiana State Textbook Adoption Committee for Science and in 1993 chaired the East Allen County Schools science textbook adoption committee. She had been a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Fort Wayne for 32 years holding numerous offices. Upon moving to Corunna, she joined Zion Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles "Larry"; her mother and stepfather, Juanita and Hershel Kemp of Jackson, Tenn.; two daughters, Leisel Masson of Albion, and Lynne Beardsley Wright of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, Montie and Charlotte Matlock of Jackson; and a grandchild, Maria Masson of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Montie Matlock, in 1963.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Margueritte Mulhern

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Margueritte Kimmel Mulhern, 86, died Monday, July 24, 2000, in Frankfort, Ky.

Mrs. Mulhern formerly lived in Auburn, Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Ohio and Port Charlotte, Fla. She was a graduate of Ball State University with a degree in education. She began her teaching career in Auburn in a one-room school. She then taught mathematics at Kirk Junior High in East Cleveland and later taught GED, English as a second language and citizenship classes for the boards of education in Cleveland, East Cleveland and Port Charlotte.

She was born July 12, 1914, in Auburn to Livona and Sherman Kennedy.

Surviving her are a daughter, Susan Mulhern Jordan of Nicholasville, Ky.; three sisters, Eloise Mudd of Port Charlotte, Martha Kowalski of Newaggio, Mich., and Alice Herr of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Beth Jordan Armstrong, Amy Jordan and Katherine Jordan.

A son, James Colin Mulhern, and a brother, Dale Sherman Kimmel, preceded her in death.

Her ashes will be interred in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland.

Memorials are to local chapters of hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Philip A. Keck, 63, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.



Deaths/Funerals

Arnold Howard

AUBURN — A memorial service for Arnold Howard will be held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly of Hope Church, on State Road 8 at County Road 45, east of Auburn. Mr. Arnold died in December.

Devon Stevenson

ANGOLA — Devon Dean Stevenson, age 3 weeks, died Monday, July 24, 2000, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

He was born July 1, 2000, in Angola, to Lyle and Jennifer (Rinehart) Stevenson, who survive at home in Angola.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Donald and Audrey Rinehart of Fremont, Walter and Frances Herendeen of Angola, and Michael and Karen Stevenson of Angola; great-grandparents, Elladean Masters of Angola, Earl and Charlotte Rinehart of Fremont, and William and Sharon Cleverly of Fremont; and a sister, Jenna DeWitt, at home.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County, with Dr. Gregory Chupp officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ralph Beams

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Ralph H. Beams, M.D., 89, died June 30, 2000, in Sun City, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix.

Dr. Beams was born in Spencerville. He practiced ophthalmology in Fort Wayne from 1948 to 1978. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a member of the Masons, Shriners and Faith Presbyterian Church. He was a graduate of Indiana University Medical School and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

His wife, Ruth, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a son, David of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Diane Richards of Sun City and Rebecca Tunis of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Doris Ruder of Sun City; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held July 3.

Helen Volkert

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Helen E. Volkert, 76, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at 9:15 p.m. in her home in Hicksville after a brief illness.

She graduated from Mark Center High School with the Class of 1942. She then graduated from Defiance College, where she was a member of Beta Sigma and the homecoming court.

Mrs. Volkert was a full-time school teacher in the Hicksville Elementary School system for 34 years and a substitute for 14 years.

She was a member of the Easter Star as a past matron, as well as the Defiance County Fair Board Auxiliary, Horsemen's Association and the Kitchenette Bank.

She was born Nov. 7, 1923, in Mark Center in Defiance County to Howard "Red" and Sylvia Kisabeth Rhodes.

She married Jay Volkert in Mark Center in August 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jimmie J. Volkert, Columbus, Ohio; and one brother, Clinton Croyle, Charlotte, Mich.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is Saturday after 1 p.m. and Sunday after 9 a.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Sunday from noon-1 p.m. (Indiana time) at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Defiance County Caring Way or the American Cancer Society.

Frances Strawe

DES MOINES, Wash. — Frances V. Strawe, 93, of Des Moines and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, July 22, 2000, at Auburn Regional Medical Center, Auburn, Wash.

Mrs. Strawe was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 5, 1906, in Montgomery to Frances E. and Mary V. (Ramsey) Masters.

Surviving are two sons, David Strawe of Auburn, Wash., and Joseph Strawe of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis C. Strawe, on April 20, 1987.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Warner Reed officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alyce Klinger

KENDALLVILLE — Alyce Dorothea Klinger, 70, of Kendallville, died at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2000, in Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville. She had been ill approximately two weeks.

She was born in Chester, Pa., Aug. 4, 1929, to Herbert H. and Mabel (Simon) Knepper.

Mrs. Klinger, a lifetime Kendallville area resident, was a retired housekeeper from the former McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and its Lydia Circle.

Surviving are a son, Norman T. Klinger of Waterloo; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Trent Knepper.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is two hours before services.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Deaths/Funerals

Wayne Yarlot

AUBURN — Wayne Yarlot, 84, died Thursday, July 27, 2000, at 7:26 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Yarlot was a lift truck driver at Rieke Corp. for 19 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Eagles Lodge, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Auburn Moose Lodge. He was a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 26, 1916, in Butler to Roscoe and Nellie (Huntington) Yarlot.

He married Vera Mason on Feb. 17, 1940, in Newville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Yarlot of Garrett, and Donald and Sande Yarlot of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon Reynolds of Angola and Marsha Custer of Auburn; one brother, Loren Yarlot of Waterloo; two sisters, Vera Daniels of Auburn and Dorothy Carper of Waterloo; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Leora Farrington, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Moose lodge memorial service will begin Saturday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mooseheart, in

care of the Auburn Moose Lodge, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beatrice Moore

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Beatrice J. Moore, 87, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, in Georgetown, Ky.

She lived in Ligonier for more than 51 years, moving to Georgetown in 1992 to be near her son. She was born in Auburn and graduated from Albion High School in 1931. She worked at Wirk Garment and Essex in Ligonier for a number of years.

Surviving her are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Margo Moore of Las Cruces, N.M., William D. and Diane Moore of Georgetown, and Stephen Moore of Paw Paw, Mich.; five granddaughters and their husbands, Tracy and Paul Crafts, Candace and John Moegling, Tammy and Michael Gilbreath, Jerilyn Moore and Andrea Moore; two great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in Tucker, Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home, Georgetown, and Monday from noon-2 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

James Wells

ALBION — James Wells, 81, of Albion, died at 6:58 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Phyllis J. Arnold, 68, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Gladys Mishler

LAGRANGE — Gladys M. Mishler, 81, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at her residence in Mesa, Calif.

She was a retired antique dealer and homemaker, and lived all her life in LaGrange County until she moved to Mesa in 1997. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mishler was born in LaGrange County on Aug. 1, 1918, to Fred and Troie (Marks) Cline. She married Walter D. Hoff in Wolcottville on March 27, 1935, and he died May 1982. She married Dorsey M. Mishler in Auburn on Feb. 14, 1983, and he died Feb. 6, 1996.

She is survived by one son, David L. Hoff of Arizona; five step-children, Marsha Arthur of Rockfield, Ky., Catherine Kistler of Stony Brook, N.Y., Mary Ann Kistler of Shipshewana, Duane Mishler of Stillwater, N.Y., and John M. Mishler of Rumsey, Ky.; one sister, Margaret Simmons of Green Hills, Ohio; one brother, Lloyd M. Cline of Auburn; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, 22 stepgrandchildren and 22 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Carleean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frederick Schwerin

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Frederick W. Schwerin, 87, died Mon-

day, July 24, 2000, in Loma Linda, Calif.

He had lived in Loma Linda for the past year and in Angola the preceding 30 years.

Mr. Schwerin was a hospital administrator for 30 years and was employed by Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola from 1966-1972. He was a U.S. Army veteran; a former member of the Toastmasters and Kiwanis; and the former regional vice president of the Indiana Cancer Society.

He was born July 17, 1913, in Berea, Ohio, to William and Clarissa (Muxworthy) Schwerin.

On Sept. 13, 1942, he married Dorothy (Grover) Schwerin. She preceded him in death on April 28, 1996.

He is survived by one son, Donald of Centerville, Ohio; four daughters, Karyl L. Crandall of Amesbury, Mass., Bonnie Verbrigghe of Petoskey, Mich., Nancy McBride of Loma Linda, Calif., and Victoria M. Williams of Dayton, Ohio; a foster-daughter, Linda Fowler Burdick of Waukegan, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Angola, with Pastor Ray Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and Kidney Research. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Orpha Sprague

LIGONIER — Orpha M. Sprague, 80, died Friday, July 28,

2000, at 4:40 p.m. in Kingston of Ligonier.

Mrs. Sprague was a homemaker. She was born May 3, 1920, in Kimmell, to Hobart and Cecilia (Knapp) Weade. She married Adrian Sprague Dec. 7, 1946, and he died Dec. 3, 1966.

Surviving are two daughters, Darlene Sprague of Ligonier and Marlene Rupert of Kendallville; five sons, Richard Sprague of Auburn, Roger and Allen Sprague of Ligonier, and Harold and Stanley Sprague of Fort Wayne; one sister, Wilma Mock of Wilmot; two brothers, Howard Weade of Ligonier and Woodward Weade of Kimmell; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edward Weade.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — James N. Wells, 81, of Albion died Thursday, July 27, 2000, at 6:58 p.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion. A military graveside service will be held at the cemetery by American Legion Post 246, Albion.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

John Stoner

AVILLA — John W. Stoner, 75, of Avilla, died Saturday, July 29, 2000, at 12:56 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A police officer for more than 33 years, he served as the Noble County sheriff from 1975-83.

He also was the Avilla town marshal and a Noble County sheriff's deputy. He retired as a deputy in 1988.

A 52-year area resident, Mr. Stoner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and Avilla American Legion Post 240.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Dec. 9, 1924, in Garrett to Hal and Sarah (Murphy) Stoner.

On July 3, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Mary Jane Ley. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou Monesmith of Avilla; two sons, Dan Stoner of Kendallville and Steve Stoner of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Jeff and Jamie Monesmith, Amanda Campbell, and Katie and Jessica Stoner; and one great-grandchild, Brian Campbell.

Two sisters, Virginia Arnold and Deloras Berg, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel Fund or masses.



Stoner

Dennis Fought

TOPEKA — Dennis "Tiny" Fought, 60, of Topeka, died unexpectedly Saturday, July 29, 2000, at 5 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Fought was a member and past president of the Topeka Lions Club, a past assistant chief for the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department, which he served 17 years, and a member of the Topeka United Methodist Church.

A lifelong Topeka resident, he worked as a buyer for Tenneco Automotive in Ligonier. He belonged to the Topeka Historical Society and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born Feb. 11, 1940, in Topeka to Gerald and Evelyn (Wiler) Fought. His father survives in Ligonier.

On Oct. 1, 1977, he married Charla Chatfield in LaGrange. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a son, Billy Nichols of Goshen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharla and Mark Thompson of Topeka and Rhonda Kay and Bryon Morgan of Howe; a brother, Steven Fought of Wawaka; four grandchildren, Lincoln and Hillaree Thompson and Britney and Drost Morgan; five nieces, five grandnieces and two grandnephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Topeka United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Joann Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to A.R.C. Opportunities, LaGrange, or the Topeka United Methodist Church. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is handling arrangements.

Anson Brown

ORLAND — Anson R. Brown Jr., 73, of Orland, died Saturday, July 29, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola. Funeral arrangements are pending with Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Dorothy Acker

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Acker, 83, of Kendallville, died Saturday at 7 p.m. at Kendallville Manor. Funeral arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Deaths/Funerals

Florence Mathes

SPENCERVILLE — Florence Mathes, 86, of Spencerville, died Sunday, July 30, 2000, at 2:50 p.m. in the Fountain Manor Care Center at Hicksville, Ohio.

Mrs. Mathes was a homemaker. She was born May 28, 1914, in Allen County to Clarence and Jane (Dorsey) Hisson.

In 1932 she married Harold "Sid" Mathes. He died in 1973.

Surviving are one son, Clarence "Sonny" Mathes of Spencerville; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four brothers, Ernie Hisson of Hicksville, Robert Hisson of Edon, Ohio, David Hisson of Ney, Ohio, and Richard Hisson of Pleasant Lake; six sisters, Helen Mathes of Bryan, Ohio, Nola Dunmire and Rosa Hanna, both of Hicksville, Dorothy Carlisle of Paulding, Ohio, Edith Schipper of South Whitley, and Virginia Johnson of Traverse City, Mich.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time), at the Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is at the funeral home after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) Tuesday and after 8 a.m. (Indiana time) Wednesday.

Diane Freeze

GARRETT — Diane Faith Freeze, 55, died Saturday, July 29, 2000, at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Freeze was a homemaker. She was born May 12, 1945, in Akron, Ohio, to Walter and Eleanor (Shaw) Wilcox.

She married James A. Freeze on May 12, 1960 in Garrett. He died May 19, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Shawn Freeze of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Lyle and Stephanie Freeze; three step-grandchildren, Adam, Araina, and Gabriele Mishler; one brother, Darry Sprague of Spokane, Wash.; and one sister, Deb Thiele, of Spokane, Wash.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Charlotte Winkleblack

FORT WAYNE — Charlotte Winkleblack, 97, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, July 28, 2000, at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Winkleblack was a seamstress. She was born Nov. 4, 1902, in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Sherrie Ayres of North Muskegon, Mich.; a niece; three great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harley Winkleblack, in 1979, and a daughter, Helen (Ringwalt) Ayres, in 1986.

Private funeral services were held today at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplecrest Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Karissa Diehl

LAGRANGE — Karissa Dawn Diehl, infant daughter of Blane and Stacey (McMaken) Diehl of Wolcottville, was stillborn Friday, July 28, 2000, in Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving with the parents are maternal grandparents, Alan and Mary McMaken of Wolcottville; paternal grandmother and step-grandfather Chuck and Dawn Miller of Wolcottville, paternal grandfather and stepgrandmother Gary and Kendra Diehl of Fremont; great-grandparents Barbara Neeley of Michigan, Earl and Betty Diehl of Angola, the Rev. and Mrs. Jay of Arkansas, and Al and Edie McMaken of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandmother, C. Raquel McMaken; and great-grandparents, Ovid Chambers and Scharlotte Long.

Graveside services were held today in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

Anson R. Brown Jr.

ORLAND — Anson R. Brown Jr., 73, of Orland, died Saturday, July 29, 2000, at 1 p.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Brown retired from Dana Weatherhead after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born March 25, 1927, in Kalamazoo, Mich. to Anson R. Brown Sr. and Sylvia V. (Sutton) Brown.

On June 8, 1952, he married Joan P. Melchi in Angola. She survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth D. of Fremont and Steven A. of Orland; one daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Steven Smith; eight sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris and Harold Boocher of Orland, Beulah Sperry of Orland, Alice Brock of Largo, Fla., Celia and William Jones of Bronson, Mich., and Patricia Merriman, Margaret Bellaire, Berta and Ted Miller, and JoAnne and Robert Bowman, all of Sturgis, Mich.; one brother, Orin Brown, of Sturgis, Mich.; five grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

Two brothers, one sister and one grandson preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home at Howe, with Dr. J. Arnold Fair of Faith Baptist Church in Angola officiating. Burial will be in West James Town Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice or the American Lung Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Vivian L. Hollopeter, 77, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Churubusco United Methodist Church with calling 4-7 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services.

LAGRANGE — Mildred R. Ross, 78, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Sigrid Duncan

AUBURN — Sigrid N. Duncan, 72, died Monday, July 31, 2000, at 10:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Her career as a journalist included working for the Wall Street Journal in Detroit and Chicago. She also taught sixth grade during the 1962-63 school year at the McKenney School in Auburn.

Mrs. Duncan attended Kalamazoo College and the School of Journalism at the University of Michigan.

She was an elder and sat on the Board of Session of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was a member. She also was a member of many organizations, including the Ladies' Literary Club, Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn Chapter of PEO, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and the Women's Auxiliary of the Isaac Knapp Dental Association. She worked with the Curiosity Shop associated with DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 9, 1927, in Berkley, Mich., to Ella (Bleakley) Nelson and John Carl Nelson.

She married Dr. Frank Duncan on June 17, 1950, in Berkley, Mich. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Jon, of Chicago; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Harry Kneifel of Carmel and Julia and William Heimach of Auburn; a brother, John A. Nelson of Saginaw, Mich.; a sister, Elizabeth Nelson of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Joshua Kneifel of Carmel, Nathan Kneifel of Aspen, Colo., and Zachary and Nikolas Heimach, both of Auburn.

A brother, Carl J. Nelson of Berkley, Mich., preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth and the Rev. Robert Heimach will officiate. A private burial is planned at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Fund.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Acker

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Winebrenner Acker, 83, of Kendallville, died at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 2000, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center, Kendallville. She had been ill since January.

She was born in Auburn, May 21, 1917, to Orvie and Ruth (Malone) Winebrenner. On Oct. 26, 1935, in Auburn, she married Roy Thomas Acker. He survives.

Mrs. Acker had lived most of her life in Kendallville moving from Auburn. She was a homemaker and member of the Mennonite Church.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda L. and Roger Smith and Margaret and Duane Davis, all of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Roy T. and Beverly Acker Jr. of Kendallville; four sisters, Betty Kimmel of Fort Wayne, Esther Pfiffer of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Helen Dennison of Auburn, and Carol German of Decatur, Ill.; three brothers, Jack Winebrenner of Auburn, Harold Winebrenner of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Robert Winebrenner of Merced, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, three sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Mapes officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Virginia Molebash

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — Virginia O. Molebash, 82, of North Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, July 31, 2000.

Mrs. Molebash was born in Green County, Ind., and lived most of her life in South Bend and Auburn. She and her husband, Ross, moved to North Fort Myers in 1978. He died in 1995.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan M. Osborne of North Fort Myers; three grandchildren, Debbie, Denise and Ross; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd. Burial will be at a future date.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, Fla., 33908.

Mary Hanson

LAOTTO — A memorial service for Mary Katherine Lowe Hanson will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, near LaOtto.

Mrs. Hanson died Feb. 10, 2000, at age 79 from a cerebral stroke. Burial took place at an earlier date.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin E. Hanson; a daughter and son-in-law, Claudia Jeanne Hanson and Sonny Baron; and a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Lane Bell-Hanson and Karen Bell-Hanson. They invite extended family members and friends to join them in Sunday's service celebrating Mrs. Hanson's life.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Allen C. Cassidy**, 78, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Delores L. Ellis**, 61, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia city, with calling there after 11 a.m.

SYRACUSE — **Charles E. Stiffler**, 91, died Monday. Grave-side services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in North Webster Cemetery, with calling beginning at 1 p.m.

Sarah A. Norris Leo-Cedarville

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Sarah A. Norris, 15, of Leo-Cedarville, a tenth grade student, died Monday, July 31, 2000, at Parkview Hospital.

The Auburn native attended Blackhawk Christian School.

Surviving are her parents, Rev. Lonnie and Connie Norris of Leo-Cedarville; brothers Nate, Silas and Isaac, all of Leo-Cedarville; and her grandparents Richard and Ruth Liechty and Jim and Jewel Norris, all of Fort Wayne.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Lake Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 4100 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Memorials are to the church Youth Ministry Center.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.

The Evening Star, Wed., Aug. 2, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Winona Shearman

ANGOLA — Winona Shearman, 87, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Shearman was a homemaker and member of the Metz Christian Church.

She was born June 27, 1913 to Lawrence and Nora (Headley) Dick.

Her husband, Clarence Shearman, preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Dianne Shearman of Fremont; three sisters, Aliene Percy of Phoenix, Ariz., Vivaleene Ingram of Kennesaw, Ga., and Marcielle Starr of Montpelier, Ohio; and one granddaughter, Karen Shearman of Fremont.

A brother also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Metz Christian Church, with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Metz Christian Church.

Beatrice Truelove

ALBION — Beatrice F. Truelove, 89, formerly of Albion, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2000, in her residence at West Otter Lake, Angola. She had been ill 10 months.

She was born in Jefferson Township in Noble County on March 7, 1911, to Walter and Bulia (Guard) Bauman. On Feb. 4, 1933, in Kendallville, she married Vaughn E. Truelove. He survives.

Mrs. Truelove, a homemaker, was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jane Ellen Lemmon of Fort Wayne, Janis Ann and Clarence Penick of Hudson, and Nila Jean and Ottnel Ebey of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville; a sister, O'Donna Uhl of Albion; two brothers, Carl Bauman of Auburn and Robert Bauman of Albion; 13 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Alfred, and a sister, Esther, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with the Rev. Donna Glazier officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Donna Glazier officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Kendallville or St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

Anthony 'Pete' Miller

WATERLOO — Anthony Peter "Pete" Miller, 78, died at 6 a.m. today, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000, in his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Miller was a lifelong Smithfield Township farmer. He worked at Dana Corp. and Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo, from which he retired in 1985.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, St. Michael's Harvest House, the Angola Seniors Bowling League, and the Angola Moose lodge.

He was born Feb. 18, 1922, in Waterloo to Frank and Elvena (Blomeke) Miller.

On Aug. 14, 1970, he married Margaret "Maggie" Wagner in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rita Baird of Auburn and Kathleen Worthington of San Antonio, Texas; two stepsons, Nicholas Wagner of Columbia City and James Wagner of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Ursella Smith, Dorothy Hofelder and Joan Rudolph, all of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Rodney Dunn, Renee Custer, Cheri Carrillo, Ryan Baird, Amy Morton and Carrie Wagner; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathryn Walker and Irene Ruppert Wappes.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

A Rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., or to St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Walter Hess

BUTLER — Walter Daniel Hess, 52, of Butler, died unexpectedly at 10 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2000, at his residence.

He was born March 30, 1948, in War, W.Va., to McKinley D. and Pansy E. (Hicks) Hess.

Mr. Hess had lived in Butler four years moving from Hamilton. He was formerly a deputy jailer in the Knott County Jail, Knott County, Ky., for 10 years. He was a member of the House of Prayer, Corunna.

Surviving are two daughters, Tracy Morrow of Butler, and Lacasta Hess of St. Joe; a son, Travis Hess of St. Joe; the mother of his children, Linda Hess of Hudson; his former wife, Agnes Hess of LaGrange; six stepdaughters, Rhonda Sitlow of Garrett, Gladys Joyner and Cadena Robinson, both of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Kinsinger of Howe, Patricia Ferguson of Butler, and Shila Jo Slone of LaGrange; three sisters, Peggy Puckett of Butler, Polly Tackett of Kendallville, and Molly Hess of Butler; eight grandchildren; 21 stepgrandchildren; and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers, Clint and David Hess, and a sister, Bonnie Hess.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in House of Prayer, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today at the church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — Daniel L. Cloud, 16, died Monday in an automobile accident. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.



Deaths/Funerals

George Carter

KENDALLVILLE — George F. Carter, 88, of Kendallville, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 23, 1911, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to Sheridan and Rachel (Riehm) Carter.

Mr. Carter was a sign painter and illustrator and a well-known local artist. He was interested in aeronautics and raised a turkey buzzard to study its wing structure. And, he wrote letters to many people under the pen name "Lucas."

Surviving are a sister, Ruth Smith of Kendallville, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is two hours before services in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Jose Acosta**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Friday.

ROME CITY — **Virginia L. Evers**, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 3 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there two hours before services.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Glen Brewer**, 56, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Martha Goodremont**, 93, died Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-p.m. Saturday.

LIGONIER — **Burl L. Lepird**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

STROH — **Edward A. King**, 89, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Stroh Church of God. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.



Deaths/Funerals

Ryan Blaising

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ryan E. Blaising, 34, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Restoration Lutheran Church, Kendallville. He lived in LaGrange County all his life.

He was born Sept. 19, 1965, in LaGrange. On June 15, 1991, he married Sandra S. Sanderson, who survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Orland and Geneva Blaising of Mongo; his mother and stepfather, Sandra and Lee Lash of Rome City; a daughter, Danielle Blaising of Wolcottville; two stepdaughters, Carrie Hart of Howe and Sarah Hart of Wolcottville; a stepson, Scott Hart of Rome City; a

brother, Clinton Blaising of Rome City; his grandparents, Lawrence and Lanor Lung of Rome City and Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville; and two stepgrandchildren, Dustin Randol and Dylan Hart.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert Miller presiding. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his daughter, Danielle Blaising.

Mary Nabb

AUBURN — Mary A. Nabb, 87, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at 9:15 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born in Decatur Sept. 8, 1912, to Charles and Mary (Lichtle) Pennington. On June 27, 1938, in Fort Wayne she married Charles R. Nabb, who preceded her in death Feb. 23, 1985.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a brother and a sister.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Church with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church

Memorials are masses to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Adam Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Adam C. Stevens, M.D., 73, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at 7 a.m. at his Kendallville residence.

Dr. Stevens was a retired physician who moved to Kendallville from Bluffton July 3, 1965. He had been in failing health for some time.

He was born June 26, 1927 in Warsaw, Poland, to Adam L. Szwajkart, M.D. and Stephanie (Lacki) Szwajkart. He immigrated to the United States in 1939. On Sept. 29, 1950 in Chicago he married Marie A. Obojkovits, who survives.

He attended the University of Illinois and was a 1956 graduate of the University of Chicago Medical School. Also, he had four other years of post-secondary education.

Dr. Stevens had a medical practice in Bluffton and started a radiology practice with James Arata in Fort Wayne in 1965. Also, he was a radiologist at McCray Memorial Hospital until his retirement.

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He was a member of the Kendallville Airport Commission and was a private pilot and owned his own plane.

He was a Roman Catholic and a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge.

Also, he had served in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1949.

After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed traveling extensively in their Airstream trailer with their pets for several years.

Also surviving are two daughters, Christine Stevens Dixon, D.V.M., of Kendallville and Colorado and Stephanie Stevens of Denver, Colo.; four grandsons, Matthew Lawrence Dixon, Mark Adam Dixon, Michael Stevens Dixon and Christopher Andrew Dixon, all of Colorado; and a sister in Poland.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery, Marion.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-noon at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Durward Harroun

AUBURN — Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday (Ohio time) at Reeb Funeral Home, Sylvania, Ohio, for Durward W. Harroun, 88, who died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, from injuries he received in an automobile accident at Ind. 9 and C.R. 700 South, rural Wolcottville.

Mr. Harroun was born Oct. 12, 1911, in Richfield Center, Ohio, to Wellington and Myrtle (Lochbihler) Harroun. His wife, Marie, preceded him in death.

He was a retired carpenter. Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Hannes of Auburn; and two stepdaughters, Marguerite Alder of Toledo, Ohio, and Charlot Thomas of Lakeside, Oregon.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Rose Rau.

Burial will be in Wolfinger Cemetery, Sylvania, Ohio.

Calling is from 4-9 p.m. (Ohio time) Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of local arrangements.

Dorothea Houser

FREMONT — Dorothea M. Houser, 86, of Lake George near Fremont, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 7, 1914, in Muncie, to William and Ethel (Carrigan) Perkins. In September 1929, in Muncie, she married Charles A. Houser, who preceded her in death Nov. 25, 1990.

She was a bookkeeper for the family's construction business.

Mrs. Houser was a past president of the Town & Country Club of Fremont, Pokagon Antique Club (of which she was a charter member) and the Steuben County Democratic Women's Club. Also, she was secretary of the Brown's Point Cottage Owner's Association of Lake George from 1947-2000 and was a member and lady director of the association for several years. Also, she was a member of the Pokagon Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and former Regent in 1970-1972 and 1992-1994. She was a past member of the Delaware County Federated Chorus and Matinee Musical Chorus in Muncie. Also, she was a charter member of the Steuben County Genealogical Society and spent 25 years as Cheer Secretary of the Steuben Women's Club, which was highly honored in 1999. Mrs. Houser received meritorious awards from Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower for war and Red Cross work during World War II.



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Also, she was a 55-year member of Order of the Eastern Star 229 of Ashley and was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and attended Jamestown Church. Also, she attended Muncie schools. And she studied painting for over 10 years with Marge Sharrow of Angola.

Surviving also are several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Bill (Barbara D.) Turner of Muncie, Mrs. Jack (Connie) Kindler of Huntington and Daniel Houser and George and Joanne Houser, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale E. Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a DAR service scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and an OES service scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700N — 200W, Angola, IN 46703 or to Jamestown Church.

Gerald Winebrenner

ALBION — Gerald Winebrenner, 80, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Winebrenner was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Noble County, to Denver and Velma (McClain) Winebrenner.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident. He had retired from Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne in 1979 after 30 years of employment.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 of Avilla.

Surviving are two daughters, Rita Zimmerman of Fort Wayne and Lana Incrovato of Jonesboro, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild and by two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, following military graveside services by American Legion Post 240 of Avilla.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Betty Jo Kopp

LAGRANGE — Betty Jo Kopp, 55, died at 6:25 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was born Sept. 29, 1944, in Decatur, to Joseph and Deloris (Eaken) Bullard. On July 20, 1990, in LaGrange, she married Richard G. Kopp, who survives.

She was a homemaker and was a nearly lifetime resident of LaGrange.

Also surviving are four sons, Jack Devlin of Sturgis, Mich., David Devlin of Pleasant Lake, Daniel Devlin of Bloomington and Darrin Devlin of LaGrange; two stepsons, Christopher T. Kopp of Elkhart and Jeffery A. Kopp of Centreville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; four sisters, Cindy Ward of North Vernon, Dorthelda Eichorn of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Shafer of Westport and Doris Koenigkramer of Greensburg; three brothers, Herbert M. Bullard of North Vernon, Stephen Bullard of Howe and Daniel Bullard of LaGrange.

A sister, Jacqueline Bullard, and a brother, Joseph Bullard, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Maynard Foss

FREMONT — Maynard F. Foss, 84, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, in Angola.

Mr. Foss was born June 1, 1916.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Carlette Foss.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.



Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Hershberger

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ralph P. Hershberger Sr., 90, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at The Laurels of Coldwater nursing home in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Hershberger retired in 1974 as plant superintendent of Merkler Machine Works. He lived in Coldwater for 22 years and previously lived and worked in Fort Wayne. He was a corporal in the National Guard. He was a lifetime member of the General Electric Foremen's Club and a member of the Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

He was born Aug. 22, 1909, in Marion, Ind.

He married his wife, Loretta, on July 28, 1928, and she survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are two sons, Donald Thomas Hershberger of Angola and David E. Hershberger of Pharr, Texas; two daughters, Patricia Green of Fort Wayne and Diane McGee of Coldwater; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Ralph Hershberger, preceded him in death in 1998.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Maynard Foss

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Maynard F. Foss, 84, of Montgomery, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Foss, a Fremont High School graduate, was a custodian in the Coldwater, Mich., school system and a school bus driver for Fremont and Coldwater schools. He also enjoyed fishing.

He was born June 1, 1916, in Branch County, Mich., to Lloyd and Ethel (Fulmer) Foss.

On July 16, 1934, he married his wife of 66 years, Reba Carlette McMahaill, who survives at home.

Surviving are six daughters and six sons-in-law, Marlene and Don Meeks of Fremont, Corla and Ron Beams of Indianapolis, Marilyn and Gary Forbes of Kokomo, Alice and David Cuneo of Angola, Chris and Greg Foutch of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Susan and Mike Martin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Marsha Foss of South Lyon, Mich.; 22 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ethel Lahr

FORT WAYNE — Ethel Mae Handschy Lahr, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at home.

A native of Ligonier, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn F. Christlieb of Fort Wayne; four sons, Rex L. Handschy of New Haven, Jerry L. Handschy of Antwerp, Ohio, and Charles R. Handschy and Monte G. Handschy, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Isabelle LeCount and Betty Chidister, both of Ligonier, and Janice Rarick of Cromwell; four brothers, Frank Sprague Jr., Forrest Glen Sprague and Fredrick Sprague, all of Ligonier, and Phillip Sprague of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Bur-

ial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the family.

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Deaths/Funerals

Herbert Kiser

FREMONT — Herbert W. Kiser, 80, of Fremont, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Kiser was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 since 1957 and a past commander.

He worked as a glass cutter at Pomfretts Glass in Coldwater, Mich., and at Eaton Springs Trout Club, Fremont.

He was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Henry William and Luella (Eddy) Kiser.

On June 21, 1941, he married his wife of 55 years, Dorothy Violet (Bell) Kiser. She preceded him in death on Feb. 27, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Veronica Y. Brown of Fremont; a son, Vance Kiser of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Viola Baker of Homer, Mich., Elizabeth Anderson of Marshall, Mich., Beverly and David Yeck of Battle Creek, and Francis Ice of Homer; and a brother, William "Bill" Kaiser of Kansas City, Kan.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with military services by Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. Pastor Chuck Lambdin will officiate. There will be no calling.



Kiser

Gerald Lett

ANGOLA — Gerald C. Lett, 82, of Angola, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Lett was Angola's mayor from 1984-1992 and the city's police chief from 1950-82.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific and European theaters, and was awarded five major battle stars. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Amvets, and a past member of the Angola Elks and Moose lodges.

He was the recipient of many medals and awards and was a retired infantry lieutenant commander in the Indiana National Guard.

After he retired from the Angola Police Department, Gov. Robert D. Orr presented him with the state's highest civilian honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

He was chairman of the Region 3-A Industrial Development District, comprising five adjoining counties for the purpose of industrial growth.

Mr. Lett also assisted in establishing the Angola National Guard Armory in 1953.

He was born May 24, 1918, in Celina, Ohio, to John and Laura (James) Lett.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Jean Ham of Angola; a brother, Chester Lett of Culver; four step-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Isabel, on Feb. 23, 1974; his second wife, Maggie, on Jan. 16, 1998; a stepdaughter, Judy Chapin; four brothers, Claude, Clarence, Robert and Clyde Lett; and three sisters, Violet Moor, Mildred Green and Pauline Isenhower.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim SeEVERS officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.

George Murphy

FORT WAYNE — George R. Murphy, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2000, at St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy retired from Truck Engineering Co. in Fort Wayne in 1965. He was general manager with the company and was employed there for 42 years. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus, and a life member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

He was born April 14, 1906, in Fort Wayne to William W. and Louise J. Murphy.

He married Eleanor Case on Sept. 4, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel of Placerville, Calif., and William and Dennis, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Patricia L. Clark of Angola; one brother, James J. of Fort Wayne; one sister, Irene Devlin of Arcola; 13 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, John; two brothers, Robert and Elmer; and a sister, Marzetta.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in the Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Northeast Indiana Region, or St. Jude Scholarship Fund.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Boneta Bowlby**, 90, died Saturday. Grave-side services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **David Albert Silk**, 51, died Sunday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel with calling two hours before services.

Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of various factors on the growth of a specific plant species.

The study was conducted in a controlled environment, where the growth of the plant species was monitored over a period of six months. The factors being investigated include light intensity, temperature, and nutrient availability.

The results of the study show that light intensity has a significant positive effect on the growth of the plant species. Higher light intensity resulted in faster growth rates and larger plant sizes.

Temperature also had a positive effect on growth, with higher temperatures leading to faster growth rates. However, the effect of temperature was less pronounced than that of light intensity.

Nutrient availability was found to have a positive effect on growth, with higher nutrient levels resulting in faster growth rates. However, the effect of nutrients was less pronounced than that of light intensity and temperature.

In conclusion, the study found that light intensity, temperature, and nutrient availability all have positive effects on the growth of the plant species. Light intensity had the most significant effect, followed by temperature and then nutrient availability.

Methodology

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Nutrient availability was found to have a positive effect on growth, with higher nutrient levels resulting in faster growth rates. However, the effect of nutrients was less pronounced than that of light intensity and temperature.

In conclusion, the study found that light intensity, temperature, and nutrient availability all have positive effects on the growth of the plant species. Light intensity had the most significant effect, followed by temperature and then nutrient availability.

Deaths/Funerals

Jack McComb

FORT WAYNE — Jack McComb, Allen County Republican commissioner, died Monday in his home. He was 69.

Mr. McComb, an Allen County resident, spent dozens of years in public service. He was a 10-year Allen County councilman and had served three terms as commissioner. He was vying for an at-large county council seat this year.

He was a member of the Allen County Schools board from 1970-74. He was elected to the commissioners in 1991 and also served on the Allen County Fairground board. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and had been a home builder for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; two daughters, Sandra Huntington and Joyce Frane, both of Huntertown; two sons, Michael McComb of Fort Wayne, and Robert McComb of Huntertown; two brothers, Keith McComb and Bruce McComb, both of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard McComb and Harold McComb, and a grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Military graveside rites by American Legion Post 82 and burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-9 p.m. today, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Dallas Fiandt Jr.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Dallas Fiandt Jr., 76, of Baton Rouge, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2000.

Mr. Fiandt was a graduate of Kendallville High School and Indiana University. He had been a geologist for many years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Zimmer; two daughters, Kathy Fiandt Martin of Omaha, Neb., and Ann Andries of St. Francisville; a son, Wesley Fiandt of Houston; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria Deetz of Waterloo, and Pat Fawley of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Max Fiandt of Goshen and Bill Fiandt of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Dallas Fiandt, and his parents, Dallas and Talitha Fiandt.

Memorials services were held today in Baton Rouge.

Memorials are to St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lucille E. Wagner**, 89, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jean Johnson**, 74, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before church services.

SYRACUSE — **Lucy F. Kroh**, 94, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

SYRACUSE — **Mary C. Miller**, 88, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19 in Syracuse Church of the Brethren. Calling 5-8 p.m. in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

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The Evening Star, Thurs., Aug. 10, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Vera Hurni

AUBURN — Vera Marie Hurni, 94, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2000, at 6:55 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Hurni was a fifth-grade teacher for 40 years, retiring in 1971 from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District. She was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn, the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was born March 3, 1906, in Auburn to Alva and Carrie (Lahnum) Crabill.

Surviving her are one son, Gale Wayne Hurni of San Diego, Calif.; a half-brother, Alva Crabill Jr. of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Judith Ann Cope, one son, Joe A. Hurni, and one brother, Arnold Crabill.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Joe A. Hurni and Sandra J. Dove Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

David Lewis

LAOTTO — David L. Lewis, 56, of rural LaOtto, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2000, in his home in DeKalb County. He had been ill for the past 1 1/2 years.

He was born in Huntertown on May 3, 1944. On Sept. 26, 1964, he married Bonnie Harris. She survives.

Mr. Lewis grew up in Huntertown and lived in that area until moving to his home southeast of LaOtto more than 25 years ago. He was employed by Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne for 35 years, first as a machinist and later as a final inspector. He attended LaOtto Wesleyan Church and was a member of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, the National Rifle Association, the Beekeeper's Association and Union Local 2357. He was an avid hunter, woodworker and beekeeper.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jana Lewis-Converset of LaOtto; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Lewis and Nicholas Lewis, both of LaOtto, and Damon and Robin Lewis of Avilla; his mother, Bertha Lewis of Huntertown; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto, William and Sue Lewis of Churubusco, and Larry and Sandra Lewis of Fort Wayne; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Glenna Robinson and Loretta and Walter Pedigo, all of Churubusco, Shirley and John Root of Fort Wayne, and Betty and William Began of Rossville, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Causta Lewis, Catelyn Lewis, Jacob Converset and Joshua Converset.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the LaOtto Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Lois Watkins and the Rev. George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery south of Garrett.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Omah Jennings

BUTLER — Omah Jennings, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000, at 6:10 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb care center in Butler.

Mrs. Jennings was a member of Zion United Methodist Church near Butler, where she played the piano for many years. She was also a member of the Pythian Sisters.

She was born June 17, 1908, in Helmer to Bert and Vesta (Emerick) Kline. They preceded her in death.

She married Glen B. Jennings on Dec. 23, 1926, in Butler. He died March 2, 1992.

Surviving her are one son, Ralph D. Jennings of Mission, Kan.; one brother, Otis Kline of Mesa, Ariz.; one sister, Vivian Wagner of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

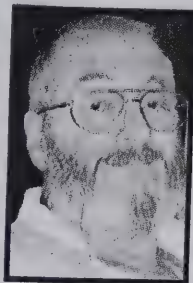
Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Kathie Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery near Edgerton. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the Zion United Methodist Church.



Deaths/Funerals

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Also surviving are a daughter, Jana Lewis-Converset of LaOtto; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Lewis and Nicholas Lewis, both of LaOtto, and Damon and Robin Lewis of Avilla; his mother, Bertha Lewis of Huntertown; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stewart and Arlene Lewis of LaOtto, William and Sue Lewis of Churubusco, and Larry and Sandra Lewis of Fort Wayne; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Glenna Robinson and Loretta and Walter Pedigo, all of Churubusco, Shirley and John Root of Fort Wayne, and Betty and William Began of Rossville, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Causta Lewis, Catelyn Lewis, Jacob Converset and Joshua Converset.

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Calling is from 2-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Martha Cobbs

AUBURN — Martha Eileen Cobbs, 72, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2000, at 9:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Cobbs lived in Auburn and worked as a bookkeeper for Publix Oil Corp. in Kendallville for more than 50 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn.

She was born Nov. 22, 1927, in Noble County to Otto and Martha Ann (Bowman) Biddle.

She married Arthur J. Cobbs on Oct. 29, 1948, in the Cedar Lake parsonage, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Arthur Eugene Cobbs of Chesterton and Steven Brent Cobbs of Auburn; two daughters, Judy Kay Varnau of Bunker Hill and Cathy A. Cobbs of Kokomo; one brother, Robert Biddle of Garrett; four sisters, June Fisher and Deloris Houck, both of LaGrange, Doris Trowbridge of Fort Wayne, and Sherri Holman of Butler; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Etta Fitch

AUBURN — Etta Philomena Fitch, 84, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2000, at 1:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was retired from farming and was a home care companion. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Miss Fitch was born Nov. 30, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Parker and Alma (Urbine) Fitch.

Surviving her are one sister, Sister Mary Alma Louise of Notre Dame, Ind.; a cousin, Dorothy Junk of Fort Wayne, and several other cousins.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church, with calling there after 9 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Avilla.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Jane Edith Wojcieszowski**, 75, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **A. Joy Lahr**, 72, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Vera Hurni

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Dr. Robert Craig will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

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She was a bookkeeper for Publix Oil Corp. in Kendallville for more than 50 years before retiring in 1996. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are: two sons, Arthur E. Cobbs of Chesterton, supervisor of production scheduling for Bethlehem Steel in Chesterton; and Steven B. Cobbs of Auburn; two daughters, Judy K. Varnau of Bunker Hill, Ind., and Cathy A. Cobbs of Kokomo; one brother; four sisters; and six grandchildren.

A stepson, Barry Cobbs, and a

brother, Gerald Biddle, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Robert Neilson

ANGOLA — Robert V. Neilson, 50, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at his home.

On Feb. 16, 1950, in Coventry, England, he was born to Victor and Doreen (Taylor) Neilson. He married Kristine (Tomaino) Neilson on Oct. 16, 1976.

He was quality coordinator at Millennium Industries in Ligonier, and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the American Society for Quality Control and a former member and fire chief of the Wendellville Volunteer Fire Department in Pendleton, N.Y.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are: a son, Victor R. Neilson of Angola; a daughter, Stacey D. Neilson of Angola; and two brothers, David E. Neilson of Fremont, and Christopher E. Neilson of Rome, Ga.

His father preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1999.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2000, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola with Pastor Donald Meters officiating.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Neilson Children College Trust Fund c/o First Federal Savings Bank, Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Gretchen Nahrwold

ELDERSBURG, MD. — Gretchen Eleanor Nahrwold, 86, of Eldersburg, formerly of Woodburn, Ind., died at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the home of her caregiver, Barbara Riddick, after an extended illness.

Born Sept. 2, 1913, in Woodburn, she was the daughter of Louis and Louise Christ Fuelling. She married Carl K. Nahrwold who preceded her in death on April 22,

1991.

She was a retired postal employee and homemaker. She enjoyed reading, golfing, boating and making home improvements.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Jackie N. and Tom Taylor of Eldersburg; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce R. and Lynn Nahrwold of Fremont, Ind.; sisters-in-law Gloria Chaverint of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Betty Fuelling of Capistrano, Calif.; two grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

Services and internment will be private.

Sympathies may be expressed in the form of contributions to Hospice of Howard County, 5537 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 433, Columbia, Md. 21045, or Habitat for Humanity, 273 Peninsula Farm Road, Arnold, Md. 21012.

The Jeffrey N. Zumbrum Funeral Home, 6028 Sykesville Road, Eldersburg, Md., is in charge of arrangements.

Anne Cleland

KIMMELL — Anna June Cleland, 72, of Kimmell, died at 1:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, in Millers Merry Manor, Columbia City.

She had been in declining health for a number of years.

In Wolf Lake on June 7, 1928, she was born to Melvin and Lottie (Lindsay) Surfus. On Sept. 30, 1950, she married Harold Parker.

After they were divorced, she married Don Cleland. They divorced but remained close.

She was a production worker at Essex Wire in Ligonier and a lifetime resident of the Kimmell area.

She was a member of the Kimmell Conservation Club and enjoyed bingo.

Surviving are: two sons, Richard P. Parker, of Topeka, and LeRoy A. Parker, of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Richard Park Jr., Candice Parker, Garrick Parker and Jason Parker.

A brother Larsh Surfus and two sisters, Mary Stamm and Alice Priest, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths & Funerals

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000

Linda DeBolt

LIGONIER — Linda R. DeBolt, 55, of Ligonier, died at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at her residence. She had been ill with melanoma cancer for six months.

Mrs. DeBolt had been very actively involved in Noble County 4-H and had been a 4-H leader and had served on local, township and county 4-H committees.

She was born March 23, 1945, in Ligonier, to Ellsworth and Kathryn (Yoder) Peterson and was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

She worked for the Fashion Farm Restaurant in Ligonier and was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her father and his wife, Ellsworth "Pete" and Bette Peterson of Ligonier; one son and daughter-in-law, John "Stan" and Ginger Wiley of Topeka; two daughters, Elizabeth "Libby" DeBolt of Topeka and Susan DeBolt of Avilla; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Karen Hull of Fort Wayne and Barbara and Bob Hinkle of Lebanon; three grandchildren, Ashley Barnhart, Drew Wiley and Daniel Wiley, all of Topeka; one brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Nancy Peterson of Ligonier; her companion, Kent Holden of Ligonier; her former husband, Rick W. DeBolt of Ligonier; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Ruby Johnston

HOWE — Ruby C. Johnston, 81, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

She was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Freedom, Neb., to William M. and Delia Isabel (Morgan) Phillips. On Sept. 19, 1943, in Cambridge, Neb., she married Gerald W. Johnston. He died July 25, 1981.

She moved to LaGrange from Cambridge, Neb., in 1956. She retired from the LaGrange County Health Department as a registered nurse after having worked there from 1976-1995. She was a past elder of Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, and was a member of the church's Over 60s Club and of the Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Linda Johnston of Howe; two step-grandchildren, Bob Bond of Howe and Tina Moore of LaGrange; three step-great-grandchildren; one sister, LuLu May Carney of LaGrange; and two brothers, Walter M. Phillips of Cambridge, Neb., and Earl T. Phillips of Longmont, Colo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, with the Rev. Diane Cusamano officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. An OES service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church and to Sylvan Chapter 251 OES.

Sam Friskney

ROME CITY — Sam Michael Friskney was stillborn at 8:12 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

His parents, Michael Dean and Beth (Zonker) Friskney, survive in Rome City.

Also surviving are a brother, Jack Taner Friskney at home; maternal grandparents Jerry and Sharon Zonker of Auburn; paternal grandparents Glen and Lois Friskney of Rome City; and a maternal great-grandmother, Jeannie Zee of Auburn.

Private graveside services were held today at Orange Cemetery in Rome City with the Rev. Dr. Dave Hogsett officiating.

Erma Hoopengardner

BURR OAK, Mich. — Erma (Bauman) Hoopengardner, 93, of Burr Oak, Mich., died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2000, at Heartland Health Care Center in Three Rivers, Mich.

She was born April 23, 1907, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Joshua and Blanche (Acker) Pridgeon. On July 20, 1984, in LaGrange, she married Harry Hoopengardner. He died in November of 1990. Her first husband, Arthur J. Bauman, to whom she had been married in Sturgis, died Nov. 3, 1968.

Her childhood was spent in the Wolcottville, Ind., area and she had spent most of her adult life in the Sturgis area.

She was a housekeeper in Sturgis for many years and was a homemaker. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Gary Harrell of Sturgis; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Howard and Sandy Bauman of Sturgis and Terry Bauman of Jones, Mich.; one step son, Victory H. Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne, Ind.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Edith Beers of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Helen Taylor; four brothers, Lawrence Pridgeon, Herbert Pridgeon, Ernest Pridgeon and Dennis Pridgeon; four sisters, Ethel Wagner, Blanche, Margaret Henry and Ruth Clipfell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday (Michigan time) at Sturgis Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Delmark officiating. Burial will be in Prairie River Cemetery in Centreville, Mich.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Michigan time) in Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis.

Memorials are to the

Heartland Health Care Center, Heartland Health Care Center, 517 S. Erie St., Three Rivers, MI 49093. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Lynn Slone

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lynn Etta Slone, 49, of Wolcottville, a vice president of Group Dekko International of Kendallville, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at her home.

She was born in Helmer on Aug. 7, 1951, to Milburn and Rose (Wall) Elkins. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She attended Salem Center School and graduated from Prairie Heights High School. Also, she received a degree in accounting from Indiana University.

She had been with Group Dekko International since 1985.

Surviving also are her companion, Bob Kozlowski of Wolcottville; her daughter, Jennifer Slone of Wolcottville; two sisters, Nellie DePew of Wolcottville and Rose Marie Cook of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Fred Elkins of Helmer and John Elkins of Hudson.

Her father preceded her in death in 1989.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Calling is at the funeral home from 2-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice in lieu of flowers. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Robert Holmes

HUNTINGTON — Robert E. Holmes, 72, of North Manchester, formerly of

Huntington, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at home.

The Huntington native was the former chief and lieutenant of the Huntington Fire Department.

He is survived by his second wife, Ruth E.; three sons, Greg D. of Angola, Jeffery A. of Fort Wayne and Jerry W. of Adrian, Mich.; two brothers, LeMar of Stafford, Texas, and Marcus "Ed" of Huntington; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Martha, died in 1972.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Deal-Robbins & VanGilder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Oswego Baptist Church in care of Deal-Robbins & VanGilder Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

Regina Schlabach

TOPEKA — Regina R. Schlabach, 4 days old, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at New Eden Care Center in Topeka.

She was born Aug. 9, 2000, in Topeka to Ray and Elnora (Yoder) Schlabach, who survive. She had been ill since birth.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are eight sisters, Erma, Norma, Loretta, Mary, Linda, Nora, Marla and Wanita Schlabach, all at home; four brothers, Larry, Calvin, Dennis and Samuel Schlabach,

all at home; and grandparents, Clarence and Susie Schlabach of Dalton, Wisc., and Mary Yoder of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Henry A. Yoder, who died Sept. 23, 1999.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the family residence at 3680 South — 950 West, Topeka, with Bishop Sam Beechy officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today in the family residence.

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Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Roy Creech, 75, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — James H. Myers, 71, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.



Deaths/Funerals

Robert McWilliams

DELAND, Fla. — Memorial services for Robert L. McWilliams, 73, of DeLand, who died Nov. 10, 1999, will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Ind. 8 and C.R. 7, in DeKalb County near Garrett.

Mr. McWilliams was a Noble County native who grew up in Kendallville and moved to Florida in the late 1970s.

Among his survivors from this area is a sister, Doris Corder of Kendallville.

Murl German

ANGOLA — Murl Benjamin German, 90, of Angola, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, in his home.

Mr. German was a farmer. He attended the Flint United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola Eagles Lodge.

He was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Milo and Mary (Shultz) German.

On March 2, 1932, he married Ina (Callender) German, who survives at home.

Also surviving are five daughters and five sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Michael Morgan of Webster, N.Y., Julia Jean and Perry Stauffer of Elkhart, Carole Sue and Dean Shank of Angola, Betty Jo and William Rodgers of Auburn, and Deborah and Daniel Murphy of Shipshewana; a daughter-in-law, Ann German of Angola; a brother, LeRoy German of Angola; and 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Merrill Roy German and Milo

Kent German; and a grandson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Flint United Methodist Church with Pastor Robert A. Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Flint United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospice.

Donald Reade

ANGOLA — Donald A. Reade, 52, of Angola, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Reade was a custodian at Angola High School. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31 and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born May 3, 1948, in Kendallville to Robert P. and Nina I. (Gage) Reade. His mother survives in LaGrange.

On March 28, 1970, he married Rosalee (Kilburn) Reade, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Angela Diehl and Carrie Reade, both of Angola; a brother, David Reade of Osseo, Mich.; a sister, Janet Mosher of Hillsdale, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Tyler Reade, Angelia Shockley and Michael and Branden Diehl.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Tim Seevers officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Angola American Legion Post 31 at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — Catherine Elizabeth Sims, 88, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Lucile Olds

BUTLER — Lucile Olds, 81, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, at 9:09 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Olds was a homemaker. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church of rural Butler and the Wittenberg Guild.

She was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to Guy C. and Mamie Belle (McClellan) Eddy. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald M. Olds on June 29, 1947, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Orris and Willard Eddy, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with calling after noon (Indiana time). Pastor Kathie Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

Orval Harrold

COLUMBIA CITY — Orval E. Harrold, 92, of Columbia City, died at 10:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, in ExtendaCare of Columbia City, where he had been a patient five months.

He was born in Smith Township, Whitley County, on March 2, 1908, to Jasper and Maude (VanHouten) Harrold. On Dec. 24, 1929, he married Opal McBride and she preceded him in death Dec. 8, 1943. On Oct. 5, 1952, he married Glennadora Beers. She survives.

Mr. Harrold grew up on a farm in Green Township, Noble County and graduated from Sugar Grove School. He first worked on the family farm then for six years he worked for International Harvester Co. Later he worked 16 years for General Electric Co. as a machine operator.

He had lived in Churubusco five years before moving to a farm at Etna and later in Columbia City. He was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald E. and Eudora Harrold of Auburn and Richard L. Harrold of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Joann) Platt of Etna; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Alva and James Clifford Harrold, and a sister, Edith Freeman, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or the Parkinson Foundation.

Elsie Kammerer

ASHLEY — Elsie M. Kammerer, 71, of Ashley, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2000, in her home.

She was born in Highland County, Va., May 31, 1929, to Cleve and Virgie (Mick) Arbogast. In Millboro, Va. in 1997 she married James Kammerer. He survives.

Mrs. Kammerer, a homemaker, had lived in Ashley one year coming from Virginia. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Millboro.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nancy Donovan of Port Huron, Mich., and Kim Shoudel and Karen McDonald, both of Auburn; two sons, James Chapman of Butler, and Jack Chapman of California; a sister, Elizabeth Huffman of Millboro; four grandchildren, Jennifer Donovan, Jeffery Bercel, Brittny Shoudel and Danielle McDonald; and one great-grandchild, Abigail Donovan.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Orval E. Harrold, 92, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.



Deaths/Funerals

Earl Briggs

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Earl E. Briggs, 78, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000, at 7:10 a.m. in Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, Ohio, where he had been a patient since Aug. 1.

Mr. Briggs managed Mentzer 5 & 10 Store in Hicksville and the Gift Shop for many years. He also worked at Kings Department Store in Fort Wayne and for Commercial Shearing in Hicksville for several years. He retired from Cline's Grocery Store in January.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville and had lived in Hicksville since November 1957. He graduated from Roseville High School in Ohio with the class of 1940.

He was born July 14, 1922, in Corning, Ohio, to Edward and Ida (Hanson) Briggs.

He married Angelina "Angie" Norton on Dec. 26, 1944, in Corning, and she died Nov. 27, 1994.

Surviving him are four daughters, Shannah Messmann of Angola, Kathy Stotler of Hicksville, Jan Chapman of Huber Heights, Ohio, and Randi Middaugh of Butler; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

One sister, Bettie Hambel, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Ken Wellman, minister of the Hicksville First Church of Christ,

officiating. Burial will be of Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ Building Fund.

Ronald Teegardin

ANGOLA — Ronald Dean Teegardin, 72, of Angola, died early Wednesday morning, Aug. 16, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mr. Teegardin was a lifetime Angola resident and worked in the automotive industry as a set-up man until his retirement in January 1990. He was a member of the UAW union.

He was born April 5, 1928, in Hamilton to Russel and Carrie (Burkhart) Teegardin.

He married Doris (Seeman) Teegardin on Aug. 22, 1947, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Randy Emerick of Angola and Nancy Eicher of Battle Creek, Mich., a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Tammy Teegardin of Three Rivers, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Teegardin Cemetery. The Rev. Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel, is in charge of

arrangements.

Memorials are to P.S.P. (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Librado Cruz**, 29, died Monday. Services at 7 p.m. today in St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling from 3-7 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lucille Avila**, 97, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roanoke. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Deal-Robbins & VanGilder Funeral Home, Roanoke Memorial Chapel and one hour before services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Kathleen Hoff

CROCKETT, Texas — Dr. Kathleen Patricia Beardsley Lowry Hoff, 73, formerly of Auburn and Hamilton, died July 26, 2000, in Crockett, where she had lived since 1989.

Dr. Hoff was born April 29, 1927, the eldest daughter of Frederick Hardy and Robert and Kathleen Beardsley of Hamilton.

She graduated from Auburn High School and earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Ball State University. She taught at Metz School, Bowling Green State University and Sam Houston University.

Dr. Hoff belonged to the Christian Science Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher, former first reader and chairman of the board of directors, state representative to the national conference, youth leader and college organization sponsor.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Houston County Career Women, Davy Crockett Pilot Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Kappa, Christian Women, National Education Association (lifetime member), Houston County Retired School Personnel, Piney

Woods Fine Arts Association (charter member), and the Dressage Association. She served as a docent at Crockett historical homes.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Victor Hoff of Crockett; a daughter, Patty Lowry of Crockett; a granddaughter, Delight Faulkner, and a great-grandson, Hunter, both of Collierville, Tenn.; two sisters, Dorothy Beardsley Penland of Hamilton and Robin Beardsley Bernstein of Chicago; an aunt, Eleanor Russell of The Woodlands, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Fred Lowry.

Services and calling have been conducted.

Area Deaths

WOLF LAKE — Howard E. Londt, 78, died Thursday. Services at 3 p.m. Sunday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Albion. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and 30 minutes before services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Michael J. Fast

ANGOLA — Michael J. Fast, 43, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000, in his home.

Mr. Fast worked as a machinist at Aro Corporation in Angola for 25 years and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Oct. 27, 1956, in St. Marys, Ohio, to William J. and Marie M. (Prate) Fast. His mother survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Andrea D. Fast of Hamilton; two brothers, James L. of Celina, Ohio, and William J. of Sidney, Ohio; his fiancée, Vicki Herendeen; five nieces and nephews; and two great-nieces and nephews.

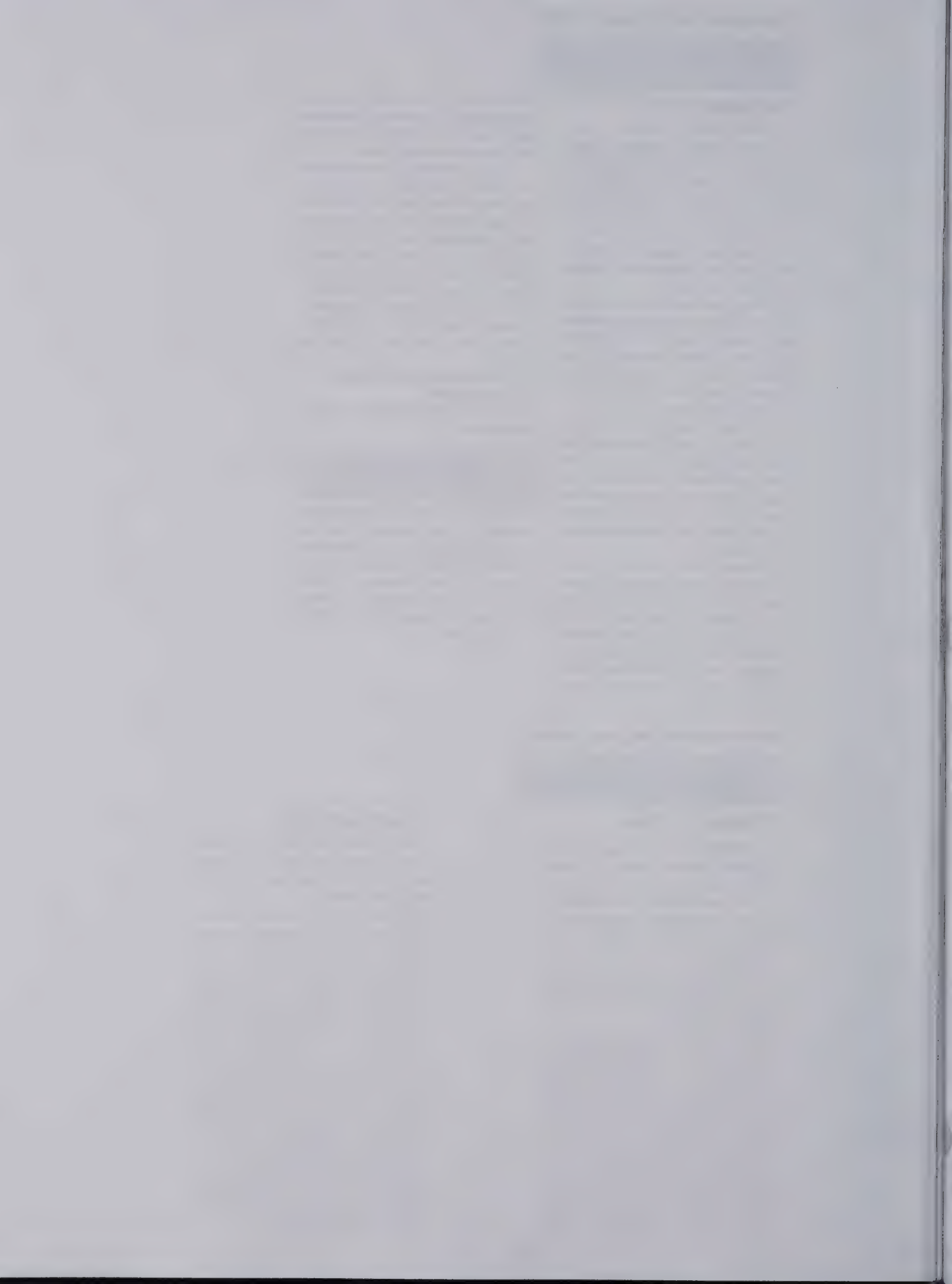
Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Archbishop E. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home today.

Tyson Stafford

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Infant Tyson Eugene Stafford died Thursday at 11:16 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born to Daniel Joseph Stafford and Antoinnette "Toni" Hulbert of Hicksville. He is survived by his grandparents, Cynthia and Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Melvin and Barbara Stafford of Hicksville; his great-grandmothers, Nellie Derrow of Auburn and Imogene LaRowe of Amarillo, Texas; his aunts and uncles, Tina and Charles Compton of Butler and Sisie Stafford of Hicksville; and two cousins, Melody Michelle Compton and Starr Olen Compton.

Private graveside services will be held next week at Lost Creek Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.



Area Deaths

CROMWELL — Richard E. Buirley, 79, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. J.D. Woods officiating. Calling will be held Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Ind.

SHIPSHEWANA — Lois Marie

Yoder, 66, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2000, at Goshen Hospital. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Calling will be held Saturday from 3-8 p.m., Sunday from 2-7 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Shere Cemetery, Shippshewana. Memorials are to the church.

ALBION — Walter Hartman, 78, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2000, at his home. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Albion Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. Bob Soulliere and the Rev. Edna Wildey officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, and from 10-11 a.m. at the church on Monday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to Vista Home Health Care.

KENDALLVILLE — Nathan L. Klopfenstein, 69, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2000, in Parkview Noble Hospital. Services will be Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla at 2 p.m. Calling will be Sunday at the funeral home from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the House of Yahvah Seventh Day Church.

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Eleanora Murphy

FORT WAYNE — Eleanora M. Murphy, 86, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Ege, she was a homemaker and was involved

with St. Joseph auxiliary and rosary sodality. She also was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are three sons, William and Dennis of Fort Wayne and Daniel of Placerville, Calif.; one daughter, Patricia Clark of Angola, two sisters, Victoria Fischer of Avilla and Frances Rodermund of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, George, preceded her in death Aug. 6, and her son, John J., preceded her in death in 1999. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Leo Case, and three sisters, Mary Faurote, Anna Bender and Eva Girardot.

Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, East State and Randallia streets in Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

DECATUR — Franklin J. Singleton, 94, died Friday. Services Monday 1 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Calling Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or St. Jude Education Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

John Cadmus

SPENCERVILLE — John Cadmus, 83, of rural Spencerville in Allen County, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cadmus retired in 1982 from Mobile Aerial Towers as mechanical inspector. He was a member of Big Ben United Methodist Church in Riverview, Fla.

Surviving are one son, Robert E. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lydia Burke of New Haven and Carol Bennett of Harlan; one sister, Lillian Roznoy of Buckingham, Pa.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

His wife, Betty, preceded him in death in 1998.

Services will be Sunday at 6 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E. New Haven, with calling from 4 p.m. until services.

Memorials are to Big Ben United Methodist Church in Riverview, Fla.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Scantlen

COLDWATER, Mich. — Robert E. Scantlen, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2000, in The Laurels of Coldwater nursing home.

Mr. Scantlen was a plastic molds maker, and retired from L.A. Darling Co. of Coldwater after 30 years of service. After his retirement, he established his own mold company.

He was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Kalkaska, Mich., to Arthur and Mary (Schieber) Scantlen.

On Aug. 21, 1999, in Kinderhook, Mich., he married Betty Cleveland. She survives at home.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Patricia Kunert of Newberry, Mich., Mary Lou Hagaman, Waneta Huss and Helen Scheidler, all of Coldwater, Loretta Mallory of Quincy, Mich., Robin Horner of West Memphis, Ark., and Susan Shoup of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons, Samuel of South Bend and Robert Jr., of Coldwater; two sisters, Laurice Lambdin of Sturgis, Mich., and Lilas Egolf of Kimmell, Ind.; two brothers, Ron of Allen, Mich., and Raymond of Illinois; 24 grandchildren; and several great-

grandchildren.

A son, Gene Scantlen, and three sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Bill Wilson officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen R. Conklin**, 99, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000, in Las Vegas. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling two hours before services.

LAGRANGE — **Delmar G. Abel**, 68, died Sunday. Private graveside services. No calling

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Deaths/Funerals

Wendell Jollief

KENDALLVILLE — Wendell Jollief, 89, of Kendallville, a longtime journalist and former sports editor of The News-Sun, died unexpectedly at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital.

He was born Oct. 31, 1910, in Parke County, Ind., to John H and Sarah Louzette (Gardner) Jollief. On March 21, 1941, in Kendallville, he married Maryjane Sawyer. She preceded him in death Jan. 20, 1989.

Mr. Jollief had lived in Kendallville since 1941 coming from Fort Wayne. He was a 1927 graduate of South Whitley High School and earned a degree from Manchester College and his journalism degree from the University of Missouri. He was a copy editor and state editor

for the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette for 34½ years. For many years he was sports editor for The News-Sun and wrote a column "For All Good Sports," in The News-Sun.

His first newspaper position was in South Bend where he worked as police reporter for the South Bend News-Times. After that newspaper ceased publication in late 1939, he became a reporter and then copy editor for the South Bend Tribune. Shortly after his marriage he became copy editor for the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, and retired from there in 1975. While working for the Journal-Gazette, he also was sports editor of The News-Sun.

He was an avid sports fan and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a life member and past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge and a member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Jill Jollief of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cindy Jollief of Kendallville; a son-in-law, Bill Dunafin of LaGrange; and four grandsons, Shawn Dunafin, Joel Jollief and Jayme Jollief, all of Kendallville, and Shane Dunafin of Wolcottville.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jan Jollief Dunafin, on March 13, 1993; and a sister, Mildred Jollief Piper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or the Elks National Foundation.

William Budd

ANGOLA — William L. Budd, 85, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2000, in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mr. Budd was a security guard at AeroQuip Corp. for five years. He lived in Angola.

He was born Dec. 3, 1914, in Waterloo. His wife, Myrtle, died in 1996.

Surviving him are two sons, William and Larry, both of California.

One son, Richard, preceded him in death.

There will be no calling hours or services. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Helen Elaine Peters, 69, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Vincent Siders

ANGOLA — Vincent B. Siders, 80, of Angola, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at his residence.

Mrs. Siders worked as a carpet installer for Homesite Carpet in Angola for 14 years, retiring in May 1990.

He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and several distinguished honors in the military. He attended Fairview Missionary Church and was a member of American Legion Post 31 of Angola.

He was born Oct. 28, 1919, in Convoy, Ohio, to Glen and Lela (Murchland) Siders.

On April 26, 1955, he married Edwyna (Briggs) Siders. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, LaMont Boegli of Hudson, Fla., and Craig Siders and Vincent K. Siders, both of Angola; three brothers, Carl and Richard, both of California, and Charles of Tennessee; a sister, Betty Jo Wilson of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Rando Cox

HUDSON — Rando Cox, 68, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at 4:56 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cox retired in 1987 from Butler & Butler Construction and lived on Story Lake near Hudson. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of American Legion Post 97 at Auburn.

He was born Feb. 10, 1932, in Jonesville, Va., to Evan and Phobe (Delph) Cox.

He married Gladys Moore on June 16, 1956, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, John of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie Cox of Auburn and Charlotte and Doug Curtis of Angola; one brother, E.J. Cox of Duffville, Tenn.; one sister, Ann Harmon of Knoxville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren, Jamie and Jeff Shoudel, and Nicole Cox.

Five brothers, Cecil, Millard, Don, Jack, and Blaine, and one sister, Nan Price, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military services conducted by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Robert Hinkle

SHELBYVILLE — Robert Walter Hinkle, 33, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at 10:50 a.m. in Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis.

Mr. Hinkle was a quality engineer for Instat Precision in Rushville. He was vice president of the Foundation Lake Subdivision.

He was born Aug. 16, 1967, in Bradenton, Fla., to Phyllis (Giesler) Hinkle. She survives in Auburn.

He married Christina Timmerman on Dec. 18, 1993, in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, and she survives.

Also surviving are their three children, Justin, Caresse and Katlin, all at home; one brother, Richard Hinkle of Corunna; five half-brothers, Carlas, Will, Ray, John and Lonnie; and two half-sisters, Catherine and Marliane.

Private family graveside services will be held Friday.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Samuel Langley IV

FORT WAYNE — Samuel D. Langley IV, 20, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2000, at 11:57 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was planning to attend college, and had attended DeKalb High School.

He was born April 4, 1980, in Marathon, Fla. His father, Samuel D. Langley III, and his mother, Colleen McKenzie, both survive in Belleview, Fla.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Aleah Langley of Fort Wayne and Kierra Bolen of Auburn; one brother, Shawn M. Langley of Riverside, Conn.; his maternal grandparents, James McKenzie of Paw Paw, Mich., and Juanita McKenzie of Belleview, Fla.; his paternal grandmother, Betty Langley of Florida; and his fiancée, Sarah Shipley of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate.

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Deaths/Funerals

Russell Hartman

AUBURN — Russell W. Hartman, 94, died today, Aug. 24, 2000, at 12:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mr. Hartman was a farmer for 25 years and worked at Broadview Lumber Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1971. He was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley, and lived in Auburn.

He was born March 27, 1906, in Fairfield Township to Otto and Mertie (Rowe) Hartman.

He married Mary Ada Freed on March 29, 1927, in Auburn, and she died Feb. 9, 1989.

Surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene R. and Mary Hartman of Auburn, and Robert S. and Glora Hartman of rural Hudson; two sisters, Imogene Boitet of Auburn and Micki Campbell of Bloomington; 10 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, three sisters and one granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren or the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Danny Purdy

BLUFFTON — Danny R. Purdy, 54, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, in his Bluffton home.

He was a house parent counselor.

Mr. Purdy was born Aug. 9, 1946, in Auburn to Dale D. and Thelma (Sproat) Purdy. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Ann Young on Dec. 15, 1974, in Long Beach, Calif. She died Feb. 3, 2000.

Surviving him are five children, Tracy J. Purdy of Bluffton, Terry Purdy of Butler, Tonya Niles of Fort Wayne, Tammy Berry of Garrett, and Jodi Cooper of Chapel Hill, Tenn.; two brothers, Rick of Corunna and Gene of Arizona; three sisters, Maxine Hansen of Fort Wayne, Barbara Gauthier of Arizona, and Ardola Christlieb of Hartford City; and four grandchildren.

Two brothers, John and Jack, and one sister, Joyce Bonbrake, preceded him in death.

There will be no calling hours or services. Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, is in charge of arrangements.



James Mudrack

GARRETT. — James P. Mudrack Sr., 69, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Mudrack had been a Garrett resident since 1995 and formerly lived in Fremont.

He was a truck driver for Spector Freight, a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of American Legion Post 499 of Fort Wayne, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 and the Eagles Lodge of Fort Wayne.

He was born June 29, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Joseph and Maudie Pearl (Hunt) Mudrack.

On July 28, 1995, he married Doris Jane (Addis) Mudrack, who survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are seven sons, James P. Mudrack Jr. of Fort Wayne, Michael Mudrack of South Whitley, Mark Mudrack of Valparaiso, Kevin Mudrack of Fremont, Keith Mudrack of Duluth, Minn., Kelly Mudrack of Fremont, and John Alvarez of Princeton, Texas; three daughters, Terry Frank of Indianapolis, Wanda Goodman of Fremont, Christina Neuman of Bryan, Ohio; four stepsons, Richard and Randall DeLong and Stacy Maurer, all of Garrett, and Rodney DeLong of Pierceton; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Rollins of Garrett; two brothers, Robert and Joseph Mudrack, both of Fort Wayne; and four sisters, Phyllis Weinberg of Bronson, Mich., and Molly Burley, Judy Holzinger and Fran Batt, all of

Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 43 years, Jeanne Mudrack, in 1993; two sons, Jeffrey, in 1989, and Henry, in 1992; and a brother, Jack Mudrack.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside services by the Angola post of VFW.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. B

Memorials are to the family.

Martha Freed

ANGOLA. — Martha M. Freed, 90, of Angola, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Freed operated Noble's One-Stop in Angola, worked at Warner Gear and delivered The News-Sentinel newspaper.

She was born July 17, 1910, in Grand Marais, Mich., to William and Margaret (Hill) Smyth.

Surviving are two sons, Louis W. Bal of Fort Myers, Fla., and Clarence G. Bal of Angola; a daughter, Myrtle I. Roloff of Belize City, Belize; and 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Louis Bal, in 1982; her second husband, Charles Noble, in 1970; her third husband, John Henry Freed, in 1993; a sister, Velma LaQue; and two brothers, Lemuel and Charlie Smyth.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care.

The Evening Star, Fri., Aug. 25, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Susie Drerup

KENDALLVILLE. — Isabelle Mae "Susie" Drerup, 60, of Kendallville, died at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, in her home following a five-year battle with ovarian cancer.



Drerup

She was born in Detroit, Mich., June 12, 1940, to Harvey and Elsie (Frost) Charles. On June 17, 1961, in Kendallville she married Owen Drerup. He survives.

Mrs. Drerup moved here from Detroit 44 years

ago and was a 1959 graduate of Kendallville High School. She was a homemaker and vice president of Reliable Tool & Machine Co. Inc. in Kendallville. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Lady Elks and Beta Sigma Phi.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles O. and Christy J. (Garton) Drerup of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah S. and Thomas Dale Walterhouse of Kendallville; a brother, Arthur L. Charles of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Lucas Charles Drerup, Bo Anthony Drerup and Lydia Marie Walterhouse.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins, Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker and the Rev. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, P.O. Box 12869, Fort Wayne 46866-2869; Women's Cancer Center — Lutheran Hospital, 7910 W. Jefferson, Suite 112, Fort Wayne 46804; or National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 500 NE Spanish Run Blvd., Suite 14, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Michael F. Carroll, 47, died at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial services at a later date.

AVILLA — Wayne L. Williams, 38, died Wednesday. Services 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today.

The Evening Star, Sat., Aug. 26, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Margie DeGrasse

AUBURN — Margie L. DeGrasse, 77, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, at 4:19 a.m. DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. DeGrasse had been a Garrett resident for 43 years. She had been employed at Garrett Flexible Products, and most recently worked at Electric Motors and Specialty in Garrett.

She was born May 11, 1923, in Orgas, W.Va., to Isom and Cora (Hendricks) Cooper.

She was married to Melvin R. DeGrasse in 1952 in Indianapolis and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Judy Gordon of Fort Wayne and Deanna DePew of Garrett; two sons, Ron DeGrasse of Garrett and Don DeGrasse of Houston, Texas; two stepsons, Paul DeGrasse of Clinton, N.C., and Richard DeGrasse of Angola; a brother, Harold Cooper of Orgas; two sisters, Faye Goff of Indianapolis and Esther Greene of Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Michael Carroll

KENDALLVILLE — Michael F. Carroll, 47, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000, at 2:05 p.m. from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident north of Kendallville.

He was born April 17, 1953, in Evansville to Fred H. and Frances (Morris) Carroll.

Mr. Carroll was a musician and played the guitar. He was a graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne and Purdue University with a degree in mental health technology.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Frances and Philip Abram of South Bend; his father, Fred Carroll of Bluffton; a daughter, Lydia Carroll of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Kevin P. Carroll of San Francisco, Calif., and Sean B. Carroll and Matthew M. Carroll, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Brenda Chavarria of Mexico City, Mexico, and Christina Walker of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with Father Glen Kohrman officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center of Kendallville and the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill of Indiana.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Lowell L. Frehse, 91, died Thursday at 3:25 p.m. Services Sunday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Carl B. Beyerlein, 84, died Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. Private services were held Friday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

AVILLA — Wayne L. Williams, 38, died Wednesday. Services will be held today at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

FORT WAYNE — Billie Dean Stetler, 72, died Thursday. Services Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Calling Sunday from 2-6 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

TOPEKA — Tom L. Stoltz, 69, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, in charge of arrangements.

LIGONIER — Jack Weldon Gaerte, 74, died Thursday at 5:15 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling Sunday from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Richard Dallas

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard Lee Dallas, 46, of rural Wolcottville, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at Vencor Hospital-LaGrange's emergency room.

He was the president and owner of Ameriflok in Elkhart. He came to the LaGrange-Elkhart area in 1965.

He was born in Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 9, 1953, to Richard L. Dallas, now of Winter Park, Fla., and Lee L. Dallas, now of Nappanee, who survive.

On July 6, 1985, in Nappanee, he married Margie A. Steckler, who also survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica J. Dallas of Naples, Fla.; two sons, Specialist Ben S. Dallas in Seoul, South Korea, and Senior Airman Collin Dallas at a Royal Air Force base in England; three sisters, Kathy Dallas and Kristi Komon, both of Nappanee, and Jodi Dallas of Milford; and two grandparents, Donald and Dorothy Dallas of Wolcottville.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Mary Yoder

NORTH MANCHESTER — Mary Flora Yoder, 96, of Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at 1:10 p.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare Center.

She was a retired home economics and art teacher who taught in Milford, Topeka and LaGrange County schools.

She was born May 5, 1904, in Huntington to John and Amanda (Shimp) Kline.

On June 5, 1929, she married Howard Yoder, who preceded her in death June 6, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Robert Yoder of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Sam Huser of Lakeway, Texas; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, with the Rev. Joan Deeter and the Rev. David Doudt officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be at the Timbercrest Chapel two hours before services.

Memorials are to Timberline Retirement Community.

Arrangements were made by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester.

Billie Stetler

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Billie Dean Stetler, 72, of Montgomery, Mich., and formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at Parkview

Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired as a tool-and-die maker after 37 years at Zollner Pistons Inc., Fort Wayne. He served in the Merchant Marine in World War II. He attended East Ovid United Brethren Church, Coldwater, Mich.

He was born July 19, 1928, in Steuben County to Roy and Bessie (Bolinger) Stetler.

On Oct. 28, 1946, in Fremont, he married Opal E. Dove, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Martha Stetler of Coldwater; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Faye and Lanny Fee of Coldwater, and Joann and Tim Coonce of Montgomery; a third daughter and her boyfriend, Cheryl Hutchins and Terry Carpenter of Fremont; a brother, Kenton Stetler of Battle Creek, Mich.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Gary L. Graham of East Ovid United Brethren Church officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery, California Township, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Neuenschwander

AUBURN — Arthur M. Neuenschwander, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2000, at 12:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He owned and operated National Tire Service in Auburn for 20 years. He worked for Sears & Roebuck Co. in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1982. He lived on Iwo Street in Auburn and was a member of Greenhurst County Club, Auburn.

Mr. Neuenschwander was born July 8, 1917, in Berne to Menno A. and Mary (Beer) Neuenschwander.

He married Marjorie Templin on July 3, 1937, in Bluffton, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ann Webb of Auburn and Nancy Nims of Findlay, Ohio; one brother, Earl Neuenschwander of Deland, Fla.; one sister, Mary K. Shady of Elverson, Pa.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Frances McKee

BUTLER — Frances I. McKee, 91, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at 8:32 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb care center in Butler, where she was a resident.

Mrs. McKee was a homemaker and lifelong area resident.

She was born March 8, 1909, in DeKalb County to Jason and Irene (Dragoo) Cherry.

She married Carl D. McKee on Oct. 7, 1940, in Auburn. He died Feb. 22, 1990.

Surviving her are three daughters and one son-in-law, Carla and James Flegal of Edgerton, Ohio, Gloria Hicks of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Bette Enais of Holiday, Fla.; one sister, Hilda Frick of Auburn; one brother, Richard Cherry of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo

Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evelyn Miller

WATERLOO — Evelyn Miller, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was a bookkeeper for 43 years. She worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and co-owned the Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo for 12 years. The restaurant sponsored a softball team.

She was born April 23, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., to John and Olive (Linebrink) Morgan.

She married James V. Miller on Oct. 28, 1942, in Hudson, and he died Oct. 25, 1989.

Surviving her are one son, Greg Miller of Fort Wayne, and two grandchildren.

One brother preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

James Neely

FREMONT — James H. Neely, 81, of Fremont, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Neely was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, ending his service in 1944. He retired in 1981 from the maintenance department on the Indiana Toll Road. He also was employed at Albion Malleable Iron, Albion, Mich. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Fremont.

He was born Aug. 18, 1919, in Carver, Ky., to Day and Pauline (Allen) Neely.

On Oct. 8, 1945, in Angola, he married Emma Jean (Salzer) Neely, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a sister, Sylvia Fraley of Fremont; two brothers, Sam Hale of Munith, Mich., and Alton D. Neely of Fremont; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Fremont, with Donald Max Houser officiating.

There will be no calling. Memorials may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Fremont. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Donald Prosser

CONNERSVILLE — Donald F. Prosser, 91, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2000, at 1 a.m. in Lincoln Center West at Connersville.

He was employed by the Auburn Automobile Co. in Auburn from 1925-1928. He transferred with the company to Connersville until 1937, when the company was sold to Avco. He retired after 40 years from D&M Manufacturing, where he was a general foreman. He lived in Connersville 70 years.

Mr. Prosser was born March 19, 1909, in DeKalb County to Roy C. and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser.

His wife, Eva Marie Prosser, died in 1993.

Surviving him are one son, Danny J. Prosser of Pershing, Ind.; one sister, Naomi M. Ryan of New Carlisle, Ohio; and four grandsons, Steve, Kevin, Mark and Darren Prosser.

Services were held Aug. 23 in Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel in Cambridge City, with the Rev. John "Woody" Woodford officiating. Burial was in Dale Cemetery, Connersville.

Area Deaths

HOWE — E. Dale Myers, 93, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. James Chapel, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — Vera B. Devenbaugh, 86, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruthe Mote

ANGOLA — Ruthe O. Mote, 80, of Angola, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, at her residence.

Mrs. Mote moved to Angola in 1957 from Seattle. She was manager of the Dana Credit Union's Angola branch. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born Sept. 19, 1919, in Seattle to Leon and Catherine (Hawkins) Olsen.

On Feb. 12, 1949, she married Owen C. Mote, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin Mote of Angola, and Kelly Mote of Chicago; a daughter, Karen Friedel of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Valeria F. "Peggy" McCombs, 90, died Saturday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling 5-8 p.m. Friday in Frazier Funeral Home, Morristown.

Deaths/Funerals

Elladean Masters

ANGOLA — Elladean Edna Masters, 69, of Angola, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2000, in Angola.

Ms. Masters worked as a nurse's aide at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Paulding, Ohio, to Albert and Nellie (Hoop) Mobley.

Surviving are four daughters, Frances Herendeen of Angola, Billie Oliver of Kendallville, Tammy Charters of Fremont, and Joleen Hancock of Angola; a brother, Dick Mobley of Paulding; a sister, Irene Stoller of Woodburn; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a companion, Paul Zonker, in 1988; a grandson, Karsten, in 1997; a great-grandson, Devon, in 2000; two brothers, Earl and Paul Mobley; and a sister, Nora.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Minears officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

I. Grace Friend

AVILLA — I. Grace Friend, 80, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, at 2:10 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Friend was a homemaker and member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church of rural Corunna. She made her home in Kendallville, before moving to Provena Sacred Heart Home five years ago.

She was born Oct. 18, 1919, in Clay City, Ohio, to Louis and Neva (Hendricks) Kurtz.

She married John H. Friend on Nov. 12, 1935, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, John L. Friend of Butler; three daughters, Connie Brown of Rome City, Ilene Fogelson of Garrett and Lani Hall of Butler; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Roseann Friend of Hamilton; two sisters-in-law, Pat Kurtz of Kendallville and Betty Kurtz of Adrian, Mich.; 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Kraus of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Elizabeth Griffin

GARRETT — Elizabeth M. Griffin, 89, died today, Aug. 30, 2000, at 5:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Griffin was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Garrett.

She was born Feb. 11, 1911, in Benzie County, Mich., to Robert B. and Goldie L. (Wertz) Lung. They preceded her in death.

She married Warren Griffin on June 30, 1931, in Auburn, and he died in 1980.

Surviving her are three sons, Maynard of Auburn, and Richard and Thomas, both of Garrett; one brother, Lawrence Lung of Angola; two sisters, Bessie Clark of Idaho and Velma Stahl of Auburn; six grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ford, Henry, Homer, Leo and Wesley; one sister, Minnie Fredrickson; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Damon Parker

CARMEL — Damon James Parker, age 3 months, of Carmel, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, of natural causes in Carmel.

He was born May 23, 2000, in Indianapolis to Donald J. and Gwen C. (Haschel) Parker of Carmel, who survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Drew Parker, of Carmel; his grandparents, Gene and Karen Haschel of Royal Center, and Hal and Joy Parker of Angola; and a great-grandfather, Albert Pryor of Angola.

Services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville, with Pastor Jon Fiene officiating. Burial will be in Zionsville Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-3:30 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are being made by Flanner & Buchanan Zionsville Mortuary, Indianapolis.

Louis Schroeder

LAGRANGE — Louis R. Schroeder, 80, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Schroeder had worked at the V.A. Medical Center in Fort Wayne for 30 years and was a World War II Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are two daughters, D. Rebecca Hauser of Blairsville, Ga., and Julie A. Green of Corunna; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce E., in 1985.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, with military rites by VFW Post 7205, Angola.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Brian Villalobos, infant son of Jose and Maria Villalobos, died Monday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

SYRACUSE — Lynn Edwin Sheets, 71, died Tuesday. Services at 3 p.m. Friday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Aug. 31, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Gilbert Landy

AUBURN — Gilbert H. Landy, 91, died today, Aug. 31, 2000, at 12:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Landy retired in 1988 as an account clerk for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light. He was part owner of the Landy Clothing Store in Auburn.

He was a member of B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom congregation in Fort Wayne. He was a charter member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 1978.

Mr. Landy was born Sept. 30, 1908, in Columbia City to William and Anna (Meyers) Landy. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him is one nephew, David Landy of Seminole, Fla.

One cousin, Lou Meyers, and two brothers, Sam and Harry Landy, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with Rabbi Sanford Kopnick officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge

Viola Fee

COLDWATER, Mich. — Viola M. Fee, 98, of Coldwater, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at Community Health Center of Branch County, Mich.

Mrs. Fee was retired from the Coldwater Regional Center, where she worked as a laundry attendant. She was a former member of the American Legion Post 52 Ladies Auxiliary, Coldwater.

She was born Nov. 15, 1901, in Waterloo to Joe and Rebecca (Zimmerman) Barnes.

Surviving are a stepson, Hiram P. Fee Jr. of Coldwater; two stepdaughters, Betty Warkozeski of Sun Lake, Ariz., and Harriet Hernandez of Apache Junction, Ariz.; two grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 20 step-great-grandchildren; and 17 step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Merl Fee, in 1947, and by her second husband, Hiram P. Fee, on April 19, 1991. They were married on Oct. 30, 1950, in Angola. She also was preceded in death by a stepson, Clifford Fee; three sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert M. Blair, 87, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Irene Oberholtzer

AUBURN — Irene M. Oberholtzer, 88, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2000, at 11 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was an inspector at Alfa Tafica-Essex in Auburn before retiring. She formerly lived in Delphos, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, before moving to Auburn 35 years ago. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born July 20, 1912, in Vandalia, Ohio, to August and Ida (Faught) Didion.

Surviving her are two sons, Jay Oberholtzer and Bruce Oberholtzer, both of Auburn; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Leonard and Donald, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in St. Vincent Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to masses.

William Rodefeld

FREMONT — William A. Rodefeld died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was owner and operator of the Fremont Hardware store and was president of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of directors of Rodefeld Co.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to William H. and Emma M. (Joos) Rodefeld, and lived most of his life in Richmond before moving to Fremont in 1988. He was a graduate of Richmond High School and Purdue University. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving him are his wife, Anna (Masters) Rodefeld; one daughter, Kathryn Rasmussen of Sunbury, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Lori Masters of Fremont and Melissa Allen of Altamont, Ill.; one stepson, James Burkhart of Fremont; one brother, James Rodefeld of Indianapolis; one granddaughter, Kristen Rasmussen of Sunbury; six stepgrandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mona (Griffis) Rodefeld, on Sept. 28, 1993; and one brother, Charles A. Rodefeld, on Sept. 23, 1994.

Services will be held Sunday at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Wayne County Veterans Council.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne County Foundation, 33 South 7th St., Richmond IN 47374 or Fremont Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 665, Fremont IN 46737.

Larry Martin

ANGOLA — Larry L. Martin, 47, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2000, at 2:15 p.m. in his Jimmerson Lake home.

A former Auburn resident, Mr. Martin had lived at Jimmerson Lake since 1990. He was employed by DeKalb Excavating. He served in the U.S. Navy during peace time and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born May 9, 1953, in Indiana to Arthur "Sonny" and Barb (Bunsold) Martin. His mother survives in Fort Wayne. His father and stepmother, Eunice Martin, survive in Lake Hanasoffkee, Fla.

He also is survived by his wife, Roxie; two stepsons, Ronnie Cooper of Butler and Tim Cooper of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Deb Burniston of Auburn and Diana McDaniel of Angola; a sister, Linda Bishop of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

His brother, Tom Martin, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his wife.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Susan T. Petersheim, 6-day-old daughter of Toby and Malinda A. (Beechy) Petersheim, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2000, in Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the family home, 400E — 0605S, LaGrange, with calling there after 5 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — Perry D. Mast, 70, died Wednesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Edna Wallinger

ANGOLA — Edna Marie Wallinger, 84, of Angola, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wallinger was a registered nurse, retiring from the Wayne County Child Development Center in Detroit, Mich. She served as a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp. and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

She was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Marysville, Kansas, to William and Lucy (Corning) Temps.

On Aug. 6, 1943, she married Col. Robert A. Wallinger Sr. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1987.

Mrs. Wallinger and her husband both served in Germany during World War II. They retired to Cochiti Lake, where she lived until 1997 when she moved to Angola. She was a charter resident of Cameron Woods in Angola.

Surviving are a son, Martin Wallinger of Angola; three sis-

ters, Margaret Meyer of Hastings, Neb.; Wilma Calkins of Hastings, Neb., and Helen Lederer of Rio Rancho, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death a son, Robert A. Wallinger; and a brother, Bill Temps.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, N.M.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Monday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church.

Letha Provines

BUTLER — Letha L. Provines, 80, of rural Butler, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Provines was a homemaker and a member of the Stafford Township Home

Demonstration Club.

She was born July 9, 1920, in Williams County, Ohio, to Carl and Pluma (Fitzcharles) Weisz.

On May 24, 1941, she married Verl Provines in Emmanuel Church in Edgerton, Ohio. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Thomas Garman of Markle, and Mary and Patrick Crow of Spencerville; three sisters, Vernice Ringler of Bowling Green, Ohio, Marian Mangel of Farmer, Ohio, and Velma Osmun of DeLand, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church or Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

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Deaths/Funerals

LeRoy Carson

HAMILTON — LeRoy S. "Demp" Carson, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Carson was retired from his work as quality control engineer for Bohn Aluminum. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Detroit, Mich., to Claude and Florence (Damne) Carson. They preceded him in death.

He married June Climie on Jan. 2, 1943, in Detroit. She died April 8, 1985.

Surviving him are three daughters, Candi Carson of Spring Branch, Texas, Judy Carson of Newberg, Ore., and Candrice Till of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Bernadine Placido of Southfield, Mich.

One son, Christopher, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Jim Olinski officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Clement Wise

LOS BANOS, Calif. — Retired Chief Warrant Officer Clement W. Wise, 82, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at his Los Banos home.

Mr. Wise was a 30-year U.S. Army veteran, with a service career spanning World War II and the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Marian (Armstrong) Wise of Los Banos; a son,

Brian, of Olympia, Wash.; a daughter, Jeanne Gonsalves of Los Banos; a brother, Dr. Robert A. Wise of Cypress, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Freda) Gilbert of Churubusco and Mrs. F. Dale (Margaret) Barrett of Lake James; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Service arrangements are pending.



Wise

Hubert Sherlock

AUBURN — Hubert E. Sherlock, 90, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000, at 2:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He retired in 1975 as a machinist at General Electric Co., Fort Wayne, where he worked for 33 years.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, Corunna, Huntertown Moose Lodge, and Machinist Union AFL Lodge 70. He was a graduate of Corunna High School.

Mr. Sherlock was born April 22, 1910, in Fairfield Township to Albert E. and Rosa (Reinoehl) Sherlock. They preceded him in death.

He married Thelma H. Hovarter on May 18, 1929, in Hillsdale, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son-in-law, Gerold Kleeman of Garrett; three grandchildren, Geroldine Kleeman and Lori Bieceli, both of Chicago, and James Kleeman of London, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Roselyn, and one sister, Edwinda Aldrich, preceded her in death.

Services were today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Olive Pearce

AUBURN — Olive Irene Pearce, 80, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at 3:43 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and worked at Indiana Bell and Montgomery Ward, both in Fort Wayne. She had lived in Auburn since 1972.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, and was a former Sunday School teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1938 and was a Girl Scout leader for several years.

Mrs. Pearce was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Greentown, Ind., to Herbert E. and Lula (Glen) Maggart.

She married John W. Pearce Sr. on Jan. 1, 1938, in Kokomo. He died in June 1996.

Surviving her are one son, John W. Pearce Jr. of Indianapolis; two daughters, Marcia A. (Pearce) Hulbert of Dolan Springs, Ariz., and Stacy Pearce of Auburn; two sisters, Doris Hyatt of Anderson and Inez Armfield of Noblesville; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and two friends, Arlene Werking and Doris Stoneseifer.

Two sisters, Helen and Blanche Maggart, and two brothers, Leon and Glen Maggart, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 3 p.m. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

WOLF LAKE — **Dorothy Bertolotti**, 74 died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at 6:46 p.m. Services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SHIPSHEWANA — Infant **Keith Allen Schlabach** was stillborn at 8:05 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at Goshen General Hospital. Graveside services were today at 9:30 a.m. at East Barren Cemetery, Shippshewana.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Mildred E. Miller**, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000. Services at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Leo United Methodist Church, Leo-Cedarville. Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.

ROCKFORD, Ohio — **Eva Marie Hilbert**, 84, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling today, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arthur D. Thompson**, 69, of Columbia City, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000. Services were this morning at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Neal

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn M. Neal, 83, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at 12:40 p.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Neal was a homemaker and a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, and the Order of the Eastern Star No. 122.

She was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Swan Township, Noble County, to John W. and Ada H. (Miller) Bolton.

She married Paul R. Neal on Oct. 1, 1934. He died on Sept. 9, 1997.

Surviving her are three sons, Reginald of Kendallville, Richard of Sequim, Wash., and David of Waterloo; one daughter, Joyce Brumbaugh of Columbia City; one brother, James Bolton of Big Rapids, Mich.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Faith United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. James Toole will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill Garden of the Good Shepherd.

LeRoy Carson

HAMILTON — LeRoy S. "Demps" Carson, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at 10:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Carson was retired from his work as quality control engineer for Bohn Aluminum. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Detroit, Mich., to Claude and Florence (Damne) Carson.

He married June Climie on Jan. 2, 1943, in Detroit. She died April 8, 1985.

Robert Carson

ANGOLA — Robert D. Carson, 86, of Angola, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Carson was a truck driver for Dorhan Transfer, Chicago terminal, and retired in 1975. He served in World War II with the Merchant Marine. He was a member of Teamsters Local 710, Orland American Legion Post 423 and Moose Lodge 1568.

He was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Decatur to Frank and Edna (Andrews) Carson.

On Oct. 12, 1940, he married Eleanor (Lempera) Carson. She preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Jon W. Carson of Eugene, Ore.; a daughter, Sue E. Cooley of Aztec, N.M.; a grandson, Bill Grant; and three great-granddaughters.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Surviving him are three daughters, Cathi Carson of Spring Branch, Texas, Judy Carson of Newberg, Ore., and Candrice Till of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Bernadine Placido of Southfield, Mich.

One son, Christopher, preceded him in death.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Jim Olinski officiating. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — **Patricia Sue Rudicill**, 38, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at the Sturgis Hospital emergency room. Services Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis. Calling is there Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

LAPORTE — **Otis Longfellow Rarick**, 96, died Saturday morning, Sept. 2, 2000. Services Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is immediately prior to services.

LAOTTO — **Ruby F. Anderson**, 88, of rural LaOtto, died at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling is there Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Ruth Rebekah Lodge 341 will conduct memorial services there at 7:30 p.m.

FRANKFORT — **Robert Weaver**, 80, died Saturday, Aug. 19. Services were held in Frankfort Aug. 23.

SARASOTA, Fla. — **Leah F. Beechy**, 44, formerly of Shippshewana, died at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services are Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Woodlawn A.M. Church, Millersburg. Calling is Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

ALBION — **Patricia S. Werker**, 40, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services Friday at 11 a.m. at Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Calling is Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Gerald E. "Jerry" DeWachter**, 58, died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. There will be no services and no calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Gibson Jr.

WATERLOO — Arthur Lee Gibson Jr. was stillborn Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at 6:14 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving him are his parents, Arthur Lee and Linda M. (Collins) Gibson; a brother, Derk L. Gibson of Waterloo; a sister, Britney M. Gibson of Waterloo; his paternal grandparents, Arthur and Sally Gibson of Waterloo; and his maternal grandfather, Artie Collins of Waterloo.

His maternal grandmother, Lois Collins, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Z. Teresa Longworth

ANGOLA — Z. Teresa Longworth, 43, of Angola, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000, at her residence.

She worked for a hospice program in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born July 10, 1957, in Clement Falls, Ore., to William and Zoellen Oeckell, who survive in Belford, N.J.

Also surviving are three sons, Thomas E. Harrell, Jack B. Harrell and William M. Harrell, all of Hudson; two brothers, Tony Oeckell of Montgomery, Ala., and Blake Dymond of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Mary Picone of Charleston, S.C.; a grandson, Gavin Thomas Harrell; and her longtime companion, Brad Hunter of Angola.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rev. Owen Shankster

ROANN — The Rev. Owen L. Shankster, 73, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at 7:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired missionary in Nigeria with the Church of the Brethren, and was in charge of the building of schools, churches and hospitals. While in Nigeria, he supervised the installation of more than 2,700 water wells. He also worked with UNRRA in China under the Brethren Tractor Unit. He spent 41 years in mission work and lived in Roann.

He was a member of the Manchester Church of the Brethren in North Manchester. In 1992, he received the Manchester College Alumni Award for lifetime service.

The Rev. Shankster was born May 28, 1927, in Alvordton, Ohio, to Owen S. and Mildred (Moyer) Shankster. His mother survives in Philippi, W.Va., and his father is deceased.

He married Celia M. Smith on May 28, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, the Rev. Donald O. Shankster of Auburn and Carl S. Shankster of Silver Lake; two daughters, Susan Semons of North Webster and Janice Black of Wabash; one brother, Richard Shankster of Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Emma Fae Kalder of Jonesville, Mich., and Rebecca Clayton of Philippi; and 24 grandchildren.

One son and two daughters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Manchester Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Susan Boyer and the Rev. Christen Miller-Reiman officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 5-8 p.m. in the church.

Memorials are to Parkison's research or Brethren Nigeria Mission.

DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary-North Manchester Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Logan

FORT WAYNE — Linda L. Graham Counts Logan, 60, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 5, 1940, in Fort Wayne and worked as a forklift driver for General Electric Co.

Surviving her are two daughters, Barbara McDaniels of Fort Wayne and Anna Cruickshank of Lemoore, Calif.; two sons, Donald and Scott Counts, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Carole Hancock of Waterloo; three brothers, Harold F. Graham of Sidney, Ohio, Howard E. Graham of Bryan, Ohio, and Daniel R. Graham of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Nancy Olsen of Columbus, Ohio, and Virginia Rollier of Phoenix, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren.

One stepsister, Janice Arquett, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held today at 6 p.m. at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — Alexander Hayes, 9, of rural Rome City, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services Friday at 2 p.m. Indiana time at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with calling there Thursday after 2 p.m. Indiana time.

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert Edward Karst, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling is from 2-7:30 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with Eagles Lodge 1906's twilight memorial service at 7:30 p.m. there.

WARSAW — LaMoyne O. "Mike" Fawley, 82, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home, with calling there today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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Deaths/Funerals

Dr. John Renner

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Dr. John H. Renner, M.D., 67, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000, after emergency heart surgery at St. Joseph Health Center.

He was a clinical professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Medical School, president of the National Council for Reliable Health Information, and chief medical officer of HealthScout.com, an Internet health information service.

He was a frequent consultant on health fraud issues, had his own radio program, wrote a column for the Kansas City Star, and appeared as an expert television and radio guest.

Dr. Renner was born Sept. 8, 1932, in Newtown, Ind., and grew up in Auburn. He graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and completed medical school at George Washington University.

In 1970, after a decade as a family physician, he taught at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he helped found the Department of Family Medicine and Practice, at which he served as professor and chairman. He moved to Missouri in 1980 and started the Family Practice Residency at St. Mary's Hospital (now Trinity-Midwest) in Kansas City, Mo. He was a co-founder of the National Patient Education in Primary Care Conference, now in its 22nd year.

Surviving him are his wife, Diana Renner; a daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Jody Simon of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Lynn Renner of Madison, Wis.; and two grandsons.

Memorial services were held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Blue Springs.

Memorials are to the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Leawood, Kan., or the National Council for Reliable Health Information, P.O. Box 1276, Loma Linda CA 92354.

Margaret Burkhart

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Margaret E. Burkhart, 85, of Boca Raton, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at North Broward Medical Center in Pompano Beach, Fla.

She was a homemaker. She moved to Boca Raton from North Manchester in 1973.

She was born Aug. 14, 1915, in Jackson County to John and Lillie (Martin) Grismore. In 1933 she married John C. Burkhart, who preceded her in death in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Apryl Wiese of Boca Raton and Vivian Strickler of Decatur, Ill.; two sisters, Mary J. McAlister of Greenwood and Neva Lavoncher of Englewood, Fla.; a brother, Eugene Grismore of Denver, Ind.; four grandchildren, Chris Berian of Pompano Beach, Tyler Strickler of Hiroshima, Japan, Kami Coventry of Decatur, Ill., and Vivia Selburne of Indianapolis; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Ind., east of North Manchester, with the Rev. William Hemmig officiating. There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Porter

COLDWATER, Mich. — Florence R. Porter, 78, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

She was a homemaker who loved to bake and read.

She was born March 13, 1922, in St. Joe to Fred and Mary (Wilmont) Donley. She married Frank Porter, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Diana Porter of

Anderson, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Corrine Handshoe of Kendallville and Imogene and David Coyle of Union City, Mich.; two sisters, Pauline Butler of Kendallville and Zelma Lysher of Coldwater; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christine, and two brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater. Burial will be in Sorter Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling is Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Allen L. Shaw, 36, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion. Visitation will be at Robert M. King Funeral Home, Granville.

LIGONIER — Kathryn A. Caskey, 85, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there Saturday from 2-8 p.m.

SYRACUSE — Frank "Junior" Ringler, 76, of Syracuse, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000. Services Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Eastlund Funeral Home—Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

PENDLETON — Rev. G. Russell Humerickhouse, 86, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hughes Funeral Home Fisher-McCarty Chapel, Fortville, with calling there today from 6-8 p.m.

CLAYPOOL — Barbara Alice Flannery, 86, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Northern Little Old Dove Regular Baptist Church, Pierceton. Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. today at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with an evening service after calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — James W. Fett, 67 died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, with calling there from 2-9 p.m. Sunday.

WARSAW — Harold W. Boyer, 83, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Titus Funeral Home, with calling there two hours before services.

WARSAW — Charles E. Wolf, 67, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000. Military graveside services by American Legion Post 49 at 2 p.m. today at Stony Point Cemetery, Atwood. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Varner

TEKONSHA, Mich. — Harold A. Varner, 97, of Tekonsha, died Thursday, Sept. 7, at Oaklawn Hospital, Marshall, Mich.

Mr. Varner was employed at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Co. in Auburn during the 1930s. In 1938 he moved to a farm in Tekonsha and was employed at Eaton Corp. in Battle Creek, Mich. during World War II. He also drove a Standard Oil delivery truck and sold cars for Althaver Chevrolet.

He was a life member of Washington Lodge No. 7 Free and Accepted Masons in Tekonsha. He became a Master Mason in 1948 and served as worshipful master in both 1953 and 1954. He served as secretary for 33 years, from 1963-1995. He was a life member of Order of Eastern Star No. 324, serving as worthy patron for 10 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite Shrine. He served as the Tekonsha clerk for 16 years and treasurer for 14 years. He also drove a school bus for the Tekonsha schools, golfed, bowled, traveled and announced Tekonsha softball games.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1903, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Jacob S. and Metta (Yarnell) Varner.

On Jan. 18, 1925, he married Helen (Stafford) Berry in Auburn. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1995. She died in 1996.

Surviving are one sister, Agatha Hawes of Coldwater, Mich.; three sons, Victor H. of Frankfort, Ill., Clarence J. of Marshall, Mich., and Richard K. of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; one daughter, Betty A. Borr of Portage, Mich.; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Fanny Boger of Auburn.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Putnam Funeral Home, Tekonsha, with Howard Little, Past Master, and Derrol McCamley, Past Master, officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Tekonsha.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Burnham Brook Community Care Options of Battle Creek or Meals on Wheels.

Dean E. Wilson

ANGOLA — Dean E. Wilson, 83, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson was born March 15, 1917, in Branch County, Mich., to Carl and Verlie (Mountz) Wilson. On April 7, 1943, he married Margaret Lehman, who survives in Angola.

He had been a salesman at Strock's Men's Wear from 1954 to 1985.

He was a life member of the American Legion Post 31 in Angola and of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 and was a member of Voiture 483 40 & 8 and of the Angola Moose Lodge 1568.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven Wilson of Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Robert Wilson of Angola; two daughters, Carla Berndt of Fremont and Barbara Steel of Angola; and 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, David Carl Wilson and Richard Dean Wilson; one brother, Herman Wilson; and one sister, Margaret Cole.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CEDAR HILL, Texas —

Steven P. Mishler, former owner of Mishler Packing Co. of Shipshewana, Ind., and a missionary and associate center director at Wycliffe Bible Translators in Dallas, Texas, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, in Dallas, Texas. He was 47. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Calling is Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Monday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Topeka.

BRISTOL — Josephine G. Langdon, 88, and Albion native and formerly of Vincennes, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, in Bristol. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Vincennes. Calling is from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Family Funeral Home, 524 Broadway St., Vincennes.

AVILLA — Sister M. Laurine Bach O.S.F., 93, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, in Avilla. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Queen of Angels Chapel in Frankfort, Ill., with a wake service there at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

ALBION — Jevin A. Lin-nemeier, infant, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000 in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with calling there from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — Barrel G. "Barry" Whetsel, 42, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000. Services at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there an hour prior to services Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Dale DeKoninck

AUBURN — Dale J. DeKoninck, 69, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. in his rural Auburn home.

Mr. DeKoninck was a time studies supervisor at Dana Corp. in Auburn. He lived in Auburn for 43 years and was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of St. Joseph



DeKoninck

Catholic Church in Garrett, Knights of Columbus and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born June 24, 1931, in Hoagland to Alfonse and Elizabeth (Verstraete) DeKoninck.

He married Eloise G. Harber on June 8, 1957, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Vicki DeKoninck of Corunna, David and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn, and Mark and Deanna DeKoninck of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Chris Miles of Columbia City, Sandra and Terry Wilcox of Auburn, Joan and Rusty Stockert of Garrett, and Sharon and Rod DeLong of Pierceton; two brothers, Frank of Fort Wayne and Charles of Monroeville; three sisters, Mary Ruhl of Hoagland, and Margrete Rauch and Clara Macy, both of Fort Wayne; and 15 grandchildren.

Two brothers, Arthur and Joseph, and one sister, Lara Rauch, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Chris Young, Father Thom Lombardi and Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph School.

Evelyn Diehm

ROME CITY — Evelyn D. Diehm, 71, of Rome City, died at 12:26 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 7, 1928, in Kendallville to Alfred Albert and Elsie L. (Kuhn) Browand. On June 9, 1951, in Avilla she married Freeman Diehm. He survives.

Mrs. Diehm was a graduate of Kendallville High School. She was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Susan Diehm of Fort Wayne and David A. Diehm of Kendallville; three sisters, Marjorie Browand, Virginia Bordner and Kathleen Campbell, all of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Chad Diehm and Todd Diehm, both of Fort Wayne, Tony Diehm of Brach, Mich., and David Wayne Diehm and Carla Diehm, both of Angola; and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, LaVana "Bonnie" King, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Kidney Dialysis Center.

Barbara Johnston

SEBRING, Fla. — Barbara D. Johnston, 92, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at 7:36 p.m. in Leo.

Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker and had lived in Sebring, Fla., for 22 years.

She was born July 19, 1908, in Garrett to James J. and Clara (Waterbeck) Dirr.

She married Charles Johnston on July 1, 1940, in Garrett, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, William Mavity of Sebring; two sisters, Marguerite Smith of Garrett and Amelia Heitzman of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Steve Mavity, Marilyn Gambino and Sarah Stelmeyer; and five great-

grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

E. Janet Dailey

ANGOLA — E. Janet Dailey, 72, a lifelong resident of the Angola area, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, at her residence.

Mrs. Dailey was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Steuben County to Bert and Opal (Gillespie) Van Pett.

On Nov. 27, 1948, she married Ross Dailey, who preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1996.

Surviving are three daughters, Patsy Dailey, Peggy Morrison and Polly Crowl, all of Angola; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Rhea Lowther

ORLAND — Rhea Lowther, 82, of Orland, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at her sister's home in Pleasant Lake.

Mrs. Lowther was a harvester at a mushroom farm, retiring in 1973. She was a member of the LaGrange Eagles Lodge, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 18, 1917, in Rollin, Mich., to Charles and Nettie (Cutshaw) Day.

In 1934, she married Bart Lowther, who preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1954.

Surviving are a son, Jack Lowther of Orland; a sister, Dorothy Cox of Pleasant Lake; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Walter and Bart Lowther Jr., and two brothers, Floyd and Bill Day.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in the old Angola Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Bruce Steinke

FREMONT — Bruce Ray Steinke, 58, of Fremont, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Steinke was a lathe operator at Metal Spinners Inc. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Sept. 26, 1941, in Cleveland to Raymond and Ruth (McKenna) Steinke.

On Dec. 26, 1970, he married Carol Jean (Dalton) Steinke. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Grace Steinke of Angola; a son, William Steinke of Bad Axe, Mich.; a daughter, Wendy Zehender of North Baltimore, Ohio; two brothers, Richard Steinke of Connecticut and Robert Steinke of Fort Worth, Texas; two sisters, Carol Sturtz of Angola and Karen Clovos of Lansing, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 12, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

George Barse

AUBURN — George W. Barse, 67, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at 2:11 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Barse retired in 1995 as a CSX locomotive engineer with 44 1/2 years of service. He lived in Auburn, and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Division 153.

He was born March 11, 1933, in Fort Covington, N.Y., to Leon H. and Dorothy A. (Hunsicker) Barse.

He married Wanda Hawk on April 26, 1952, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons, Mitchell and Matthew, both of Auburn; two daughters, Lynda Summers of Auburn and Cathy Farling of Butler; two brothers, Donald of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Gerald of Magnolia, Texas; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Don McElroy

OHIO CITY, Ohio — Don D. McElroy, 80, of Ohio City, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. McElroy was employed as a meat cutter for Sutton's grocery and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born in Steuben County on Dec. 13, 1919, to Ralph and Anna (Huffman) McElroy.

Surviving are his wife, Judith McElroy of Ohio City; three sons, Jeff of Indianapolis, John of Angola, and Mike of Howe; a daughter, Kathy Weihmiller of Kendallville; a stepson, Richard Cassel of Vanalystine, Texas; a stepdaughter, Sandy Waterman of Ohio City; a sister, Phyllis Messing of Fort Wayne; a stepmother and stepbrother, Ethellyn McElroy and Jim Webb, both of Sun City West, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klink Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. David Kuhtenia officiating.

Calling is from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Apostolic Church of Van Wert, Ohio.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — William R. Kendall, 63, died Friday. Services at 1:30 a.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 13, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Harry 'Gene' Rodgers

ORLAND — Harry "Gene" Rodgers, 75, of Orland, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Carlin Park Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Rodgers was retired as the self-employed owner of Gene Rodgers Construction. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, last serving in 1946, and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a former member of the Orland Lions Club, the Orland Volunteer Fire Department and the Orland Civics Club, and a former scoutmaster for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and little league coach in Orland.

He was born March 20, 1925, to Frank B. and Ida (Reynolds) Rodgers.

On Feb. 24, 1945, he married Mary Ann (Lutz) Rodgers, who survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jean Sain of Orland; a son, John Rodgers of Orland; three sisters, Kathyne Wilson of Chicago, Lucille Bryan of Angola, and Mary Bushong of Elkhart; a brother, Jack Rodgers of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three half-sisters, Judy Aldrich of Angola, Bonnie Booth of Orland, and Sherry Majors of Indianapolis; and a half-brother, Bob Rodgers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl, Wilford and Ralph Rodgers.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department and Orland American Legion Post 423.

Howard Jackson

ANGOLA — Howard E. Jackson, 94, of Angola, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Jackson was a farmer. He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and attended the Pleasant Lake Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 17, 1906, in Pleasant Lake to Clyde and Grace (Gilbert) Jackson.

Surviving are two stepsons, William Harter of Clayton and Richard Dean Harter of Angola; a stepdaughter, Phyllis Surfus Rozell of Peoria, Ariz.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wauneta Munger Jackson, in 1957; his second wife, Vada Harter Jackson, on April 15, 2000; and two brothers, Dale and Carl Jackson.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 1-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ella Karlen

KENDALLVILLE — Ella A. Karlen, 100, of Kendallville died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, in ExtendaCare Nursing Home in Kendallville where she had resided approximately 3 1/2 years.

She was born March 2, 1900, in Thorp, Wis., to Joseph and Amelia (Buss) Ziehr. On April 13, 1921, in Cadott, Wis., she married Ernest Karlen. He preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1970.

Mrs. Karlen has been a resident of Kendallville since 1934. She moved to Kendallville with her late husband, who was manager of Bryer's and later Kraft Foods.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. She was also a member and held many offices in the Ladies Aid of St. John. She was a charter member of the Golden Rule Club, a former member of Rotary Ann Club, a member of American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary. She was a volunteer at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville for 14 years with 10,352 hours of service, more than any other volunteer.

Mrs. Karlen loved flowers and had always tended flower beds where she lived. She enjoyed reading and doing crossword puzzles as well as watching sports on television.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Lorraine and Norman Seidel and Dorothy Leighty, all of Kendallville, Lois and Wayne Kester of Waterloo, and Pat and Arthur Flickinger of Fairfax Station, Va.; a sister, Agnes Born of Sheboygan, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, a daughter, sister and brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 6-9 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to ExtendaCare's piano fund or St. John Lutheran Church's Eternal Candle Fund.

Louise Skelly

WATERLOO — Louise A. Skelly, 89, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at 4:50 p.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Skelly was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Waterloo. She was a former employee of the Auburn Rubber Co. and Cooper Industries. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Grant Township Home Demonstration Club. She was a 1929 graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born May 2, 1911, in Waterloo to Joseph A. and Matilda (Link) Girardot.

She married Fern D. Skelly on Nov. 23, 1935, in Auburn, and he died May 1, 1977.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and William Miller of Waterloo; three grandchildren and their spouses, Annemarie and Jonathan Woodward of Rutland, Mass., David and Melinda Miller of Churubusco, and Christopher and Julie Miller of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica Woodward and Colton Miller.

Two sisters, three brothers, and one grandson, John, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Charles A. Herman of Immaculate Conception Church and Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Christian wake service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care or masses at both Catholic churches.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Jacqueline Jean Wesson**, 55, died Sept. 8. Private family services were held.

TOPEKA — **Magdalena "Lena" Shell**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Mervin W. Yoder residence, 11750N — 600W-57, Topeka. Calling after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday in the Tim Shell residence, 6305W — 800S, Topeka.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Patricia Anne Pearce**, 68, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ferne Brenneman

ASHLEY — Ferne J. Brenneman, 92, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at 10:43 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett.

Mrs. Brenneman was a homemaker and registered nurse. She worked as a nurse at Souder Hospital in Auburn, Elkhart General Hospital, and Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton before retiring in 1954. She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and DeKalb County Farm Bureau. She was an honorary alumna of Parkview School of Nursing.

She was born March 25, 1908, in Warsaw to Lafayette P. and Leota Grace (Pfipher) Blue.

She married Paul M. Brenneman on July 3, 1954, in Ashley. He died in April 1991.

Surviving her are two stepdaughters, Phyllis Weber of Kendallville and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepson, Dean Brenneman; one stepdaughter, Marlene Bloom; three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jerry Brenneman officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Clarence Fritz

STROH — Clarence G. Fritz, 88, of Big Turkey Lake, Stroh, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, in his residence.

He was born April 18, 1912, in Allen County to John H. and Mary (Wiedman) Fritz. On Oct. 14, 1933, in Kendallville, he married Ethel Grace Ford. She survives.

Mr. Fritz retired in 1977 from the maintenance department of Sealed Air in LaGrange. He was a founding member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gene

Brown of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Patsy Fritz of Jonesboro, Ark., and Michael and Sandy Fritz of Angola; two sisters, Dorothy Inks of Tyler, Texas, and Glendora Rathge of Kendallville; a brother, Woodrow P. Fritz of Valley View, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Art, Harold, Edwin and Carl Fritz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Kevin Loughran officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling is from 4-9 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Kenneth DeLong

AUBURN — Kenneth E. DeLong, 77, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at 11 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. DeLong worked at Dana Corp. for 40 years, retiring Feb. 1, 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 24, 1923, in DeKalb County to Oren and Olive (Treesh) DeLong. They preceded him in death.

He married Lorna Houser in February 1968 in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, RoseAnne Chorpenning of Hudson and Ginger Greer of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Pamela Jo Dove of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Carper of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kerry Thomas, Kristin Holiday, Brad Chorpenning, Scott Greer and Robyn Close; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harrold, David and Claude; and six sisters, Gladys Beck, Lavon Carper, Mable Yoder, Faye Eldridge, Ilah Surfus, and Ruth DeLong.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burrus of the Auburn Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rise Inc. of Angola or a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Haviland

ANGOLA — Betty J. Haviland, 58, of Angola, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haviland was a homemaker. She was born May 25, 1942, in Campbellsville, Ky., to Herman and Ruth (Wade) Wise. Her mother survives in Angola.

On July 6, 1959, she married Homer Haviland Jr., who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Gregory Haviland of Hudson and Scott Haviland of Angola; three daughters, Debbie Beardsley of St. Louis, Roxanne Fisher of Angola, and Nichole Lash of Kendallville; a brother, Robert Wise of Angola; a sister, Aneta Powell of Angola; a half-sister, Thelma Antrup of Bloomington; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Lynn Haviland in 1973, and a brother, Harold Wise.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J.

Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery of Steuben County.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

George Cochran

KENDALLVILLE — George A. Cochran, 87, of Kendallville, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, in his home.

He was born June 17, 1913, in Kendallville to Carl and Imo (Reed) Cochran. On Feb. 4, 1939, in Kendallville, he married Beatrice Hire. She survives.

Mr. Cochran had worked for the Postal Service for 32 years and was a farmer. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville, the NRA Association and AARP.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Joyce Cochran of Ashley, and Craig and Mara Cochran of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Chuck Poyser of Wolcottville; a sister, Helen Miller; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **James R. Weldon**, 79, died Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **David L. Bingham**, 47, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cleo Louise Burd**, 91, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

New Sentinel

Mary E. Mowry

New Haven — 1922-2000

Mary E. Mowry, 77, of New Haven and formerly of Hoagland, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The St. Joe native retired in 1985 from Superior Linkage Division of Tuthill Pump as machine operator after 21 years of service. She was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, John P.; a son, John R. of Mount Prospect, Ill.; daughters Patricia Miller of New Haven and Marjorie Lewis of Fort Wayne; a sister, Cora McIntosh of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Hwy. E., New Haven, with calling a half hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.





Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Trecartin

HUDSON — Marjorie A. Trecartin, 80, of rural Hudson, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, at 2:20 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

— She was born to Roy and Hazel (Green) Gardner on June 2, 1920, in Lubec, Maine. She married Earl Trecartin in Lubec on Jan. 1, 1941, and moved to Hudson 20 years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Linda) Rapp of rural Hudson; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1973.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

Z.Z. Zeisloft

AUBURN — Z.Z. Zeisloft, 81, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, at 7 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zeisloft was a carpenter with Carpenters Local 232 of Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1981. He lived in Auburn.

He was born May 24, 1919, in DeKalb County to Floyd J. and Daisy B. (Schreckenghaust) Zeisloft. They preceded him in death.

He married Suzanne Hendricks on May 22, 1954, in Auburn and

she survives.

Also surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark D. and Jennifer J. Zeisloft of LaGrange, Ill., a suburb of Chicago; one brother, Thornton Zeisloft of Auburn; three sisters, Evelyn Zabel of Roswell, N.M., Gailanna Knox of Auburn and Zwanda Helmick of Friendship, Md.; and three grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacqueline and Jessica Zeisloft.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Boyd James

WOLCOTTVILLE — Boyd E. James, 64, of rural Wolcottville, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, at 2:59 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Boyd was a retired truck driver for Teamsters 414, Fort Wayne, and formerly owned the Wall Lake Tavern. He was a member of Christ Harvest Church in Angola.

He was born in Island Falls, Maine, on Feb. 23, 1936, to Rex and Thelma (Stubbs) James. He married Rena Hiller on Sept. 9, 1955.

Surviving with his wife are two

sons, Sean James of Ashley and Bryan James of Hudson; one daughter, Karen Aranda of Wolcottville; three sisters, Adrienne Strout of Dexter, Maine; Brenda Hogate of Cornville, Maine; and Wendy Luce of West Palm Beach, Fla.; one brother, Keni James of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren, Nickalaus, Caleb and Lucas James, Heather Smyth Aranda, Bryan James and Cassie James.

A son, Lonnie James, preceded him in death in 1994.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with the Rev. John Longenecker officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery in Helmer.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Jaymeson Don Stull Linnemeier, one week, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000 in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with calling there from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hannah Jasmine Resendiz was stillborn at 1:47 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000, in Parkview Hospital. Grave-side services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Leone Calbeck

SYRACUSE — Leone Calbeck, 77, of Syracuse, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Calbeck was a homemaker and a member of the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 29, 1923, in Noble County to Roy and Ola (Stump) Coy. She was married 30 years to Evertt T. Calbeck, and her husband preceded her in death Oct. 26, 1975. A daughter, Carol Burns, and a brother, John Coy, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marjorie Jean and Terry Keever of Hometown and Rose Calbeck of Syracuse; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas S. and Mary Calbeck of Ligonier; two brothers, Max and Jim Coy of Ligonier; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private, and cremation will follow. Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to Life Line, the Syracuse EMS or the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Honaker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert Randolph Honaker, 68, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at his home.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

The Garrett Clipper, Mon., September 18, 2000

Helen Mountz Talbot

Word has been received of the death of Helen Mountz Talbot in Lodi, California. She died July 27, 2000, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Talbot was the daughter of Garrett native James T. Mountz and the granddaughter of Howard and Mary Mountz, well-known Garrett residents, now deceased.

She was born February 20, 1934 in Boston, Mass. She graduated from the Windsor School of Boston, Smith College and Harvard-Radcliff College Business Program. She moved to San Francisco in 1957. She married John P. Talbot on January 26, 1960.

Mrs. Talbot was an active volunteer throughout her life, dedicating many hours to Haggin Museum, where she served as president of its board of directors, California Hospital Association of Volunteers where she served as chairman and also the Guide Dogs for the Blind program.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Sarah and John P. Prescott of Wenham, Mass., and Virginia and Christopher Williamson of Charlotte, Vermont; two grandchildren, Mariah Winsor Prescott and Jonathon Peer Prescott, Jr.

Her sister, Emily Mountz West of Cambridge, Mass., preceded her in death in 1999.

William Charles Callow

Spencerville — 1922-2000

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William Charles Callow, 30, of Spencerville, an Army veteran of World War II, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

The Wolf Point, Mont., native was a supervisor at Magnavox for 46 years before retiring in 1986. He was a member of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his daughters, Janet C. Jones of Columbia City and Kaye A. of Spencerville; a son, Dennis W. of Spencerville; brothers Virgil H. of Fort Wayne and Buck Bruigier of Wolf Point; sisters Emily Azure, Lillian Christian and Joyce Smail, all of Wolf Point; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores L., in 1995, and a brother, John W.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 3 to 5 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today. Military graveside rites will be performed by the Army at Leo Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.



The Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 18, 2000.

Deaths/Funerals

Benjamin Heffley

BUTLER — Benjamin Kyle Heffley, 12, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in a go-kart accident at his home.

He was a sixth-grade student at Butler Elementary School. He attended Calvary Chapel Worship Center and Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, both of Auburn.

He was a member of the Packers football team, Butler All-Star baseball team, the Royal Rangers group at Soul's Harbor, and Oneighty youth group at Calvary Chapel.

He was born Oct. 9, 1987, in Auburn to Keenan and Tina (High) Heffley. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are one brother, William Heffley of Butler; two sisters, Brandy Heffley and Annie Heffley, both of Butler; two grandparents, Barbara High of Garrett and Larry Heffley of Auburn; two great-grandmothers, O'dessa Shultz of Garrett and Ruth Heffley of Auburn; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, with the Rev. Paul Patton and the Rev. Rodney Buzard officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Butler Youth League Baseball.

Charlotte Freygang

HAMILTON — Charlotte Jane Freygang, 67, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, in Cameron Hospital, Angola, after an extended illness.

She was a graduate of the University of Saint Francis, a school teacher in Fort Wayne for about 40 years, and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola.

Mrs. Freygang was born March 9, 1933, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to William and Gertrude (Doyle Burch).

She married Howard Carl Freygang on April 30, 1955 in Cincinnati, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Daniel of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cassandra Jones of Hamilton and Janel Saeed of Peoria, Ill.; a brother, James Albert Burch of Franklin; an sister, Sharon Ann Powell of Bristol, Tenn.; and nine grandchildren, Thea and Tara Freygang, Kylee, Jessica, Chad and Seth Jones, and Zack, Karen and Sophie Saeed.

One son, Kevin D. Freygang, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola. Father Phillip Schneider and Father Fred Pasche officiated. Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the University of Saint Francis teaching scholarship, Steuben County Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Honaker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert R. Honaker, 68, of Wolcottville, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in his home. He had been ill three weeks with cancer.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., Aug. 3, 1932, to Roy and Anna F. (Lewis) Honaker. His mother survives in Wolcottville. In January 1966 he married Sharon Hulett. She also survives.

Mr. Honaker moved from Kentucky to Wolcottville where he lived most of his life. He retired from Borg-Warner in Auburn in 1987 and has since worked in the printing business. He was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church, Wolcottville Lions Club, LaGrange Masonic Lodge, LaGrange Moose Lodge, Fort Wayne Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Kendallville Elks Lodge and Rome City Sons of the American Legion.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Staggs, Ronald Staggs and Roger and Teresa Staggs, all of California; four daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Gary Miley and Rene and Jeff Kaiserling, all of California, Monica and David Elick of Wolcottville, and Trisha and Marc Lalancette of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren, including Chuck and Brianna Miramonti of Wolcottville; three great-grandchildren, all of California; two brothers, James Honaker Sr. of Kentucky, and Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; and a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Barnes of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Wolcottville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ailes and the Rev. Mike Tattman officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. A Masonic service is at 7:30 tonight.

Memorials are to Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Dallas Marker

HUDSON — Dallas Bradley Marker, 63, died this morning, Sept. 18, 2000, at his home on Lake-of-the-Woods.

Mr. Marker worked at Auburn Gear from 1958 until his retirement in 1999. He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and the United Auto Workers union local in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 20, 1936, in Noble County to Dale H. and Erma Jean (Johnson) Marker.

He married Maxine "Mickie" Swain on July 31, 1960, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Steve and Bridgette Boszor of Rome City, J. Michael and Sue Boszor of Kendallville, Terry L. and Ann Marker of Clintonwood, Va., Pastor Tom and Debbie Marker of Dunkirk, and Doug Bradley Marker of Albion; one brother, Roger Marker of Kendallville; one sister, Dode Wilmer of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Dennis, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care, the ALS Foundation, or the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Kenneth Call

ANGOLA — Kenneth M. Call, 74, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Call was a farmer, a truck driver for Angola Wire Products and a Prairie Heights Community Schools bus driver for 35 years.

He was a member of the Steuben County Tractor Association and a 38-year member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Jan. 24, 1926, in Steuben County to Ellis and Rose (Warring) Call.

On Sept. 28, 1945, he married Georgene Milleman. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Garry, Max and Michael, all of Angola; a daughter, Emily Clingan of Hudson; a sister, Opal Andrew of Zephyrhills, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Iszora Call, of Zephyrhills; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Maynard, Lawrence, and Shirley Call.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. William Lepley officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Meriem Strock

HAMILTON — Meriem A. Strock, 83, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Strock was a cafeteria worker in the Hamilton school system, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Butler and served as a volunteer referee for various sports in the Hamilton school district.

She was born Dec. 24, 1916, in Mishawaka to August and Jocie (Dennison) Weber.

Her husband, Bob D. Strock, died in 1968.

Surviving her are four sons, Dennis of North Webster, Douglas and Neil, both of Butler, Lynn of Florence, S.C.; one brother, Ledger Weber of Greenville, S.C.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One son, David, and two sisters, Vesper Keefer and Enid Plodowski, preceded her in death.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph "Bob" Davis died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Myers

AUBURN — Mildred Pearl Gushwa Myers, 99, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at Chalet Village Health Care & Rehab Center in Berne.

She was born in rural DeKalb County and had been employed with Northern Indiana Gas Co. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, American War Mothers, Auburn Moose Lodge, Pythian Sisters of Auburn, and the Auburn Ladies Democrat Club. She was a life member of the Women's Benefit Association and a charter member of the Keyser Township Home Economics Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dorwin K. Myers, in 1966, and a son, Robert E. Wise, in World War II.

Surviving her are a stepdaughter and her husband, Janice and Don Hudson of Portland; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Harry 'Gene' Rodgers

ORLAND — A memorial service for Harry "Gene" Rodgers will be held Saturday at noon at Orland American Legion Post 423.

Mr. Rodgers, 75, of Orland, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was retired as the self-employed owner of Gene Rodgers Construction. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, last serving in 1946, and a member of

Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a former member of the Orland Lions Club, the Orland Volunteer Fire Department, and the Orland Civics Club, and had been a scoutmaster for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Little League coach in Orland.

He was born March 20, 1925, to Frank B. and Ida (Reynolds) Rodgers.

On Feb. 24, 1945, he married Mary Ann (Lutz) Rodgers, who survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jean Sain of Orland; a son, John Rodgers of Orland; three sisters, Kathyne Wilson of Chicago, Lucille Bryan of Angola, and Mary Bushong of Elkhart; a brother, Jack Rodgers of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three half-sisters, Judy Aldrich of Angola, Bonnie Booth of Orland, and Sherry Majors of Indianapolis; and a half-brother, Bob Rodgers of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl, Wilford and Ralph Rodgers.

There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Orland Volunteer Fire Department and Orland American Legion Post 423.

The Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 20, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Oris Cagnet

FORT WAYNE — Oris N. Cagnet, 77, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at 2:47 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Cagnet lived in DeKalb County for 23 years and was a long-time Monroeville resident. He lived the past three years in Fort Wayne. He was Monroeville town marshal for 16 years and worked for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 42 years. He was a staff sergeant in the Allen County Sheriff Reserve Department for 27 years and was a farmer for 23 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific theater, where he achieved the rank of sergeant.

He was a former member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville and a current member of St. Henry Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He was a member of American Legion Post 296 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10006, both in Fort Wayne. He was a former member of the Monroeville town board and a former precinct committeeman in Adams Township, Allen County.

He was born Jan. 8, 1923, in Monroeville to Frank H. and Frances (Vizard) Cagnet. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty J. Hoelle on March, 9, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Larry L. Cagnet of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Becky Anne Wilson of Fort Wayne; a twin son and daughter, Steven F. Cagnet of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sherry J. (Grogg) Lucas of Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, John B. Cagnet of Monroeville; one sister, Virginia Braun of Decatur; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Rose Catholic Church, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose Catholic Cemetery, Monroeville, with military graveside services by the Monroeville American Legion and VFW posts.

A prayer service will be held Friday at 10:20 a.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Association, or masses.

June Stead

INDIANAPOLIS — June Louise (Hubbell) Stead, 75, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at her home.

She was a medical technologist for clinical laboratories on the Indiana University Medical Center campus for 10 years, retiring in 1957. She attended the Southport Presbyterian Church.

She was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Angola to James Monroe and Cleo Ina (Storey) Hubbell.

She married Leslie Stead, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Richard Stead of Shelbyville; two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Pietras of Orange, Texas, and Julie Ann Voigt of Noblesville; and two grandchildren, Eric and Joey Voigt.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. in G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home in Indianapolis, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Arvelle Armstrong

COLDWATER, Mich. — Arvelle Vaughn Armstrong, 46, of Coldwater and formerly of Buchanan, Mich., died Friday, Sept. 8, 2000, at Maplelawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater.

Mr. Armstrong was a 1972 graduate of Buchanan High School and was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America. Before becoming ill, he was an artist.

He was born March 22, 1954, to Arvelle E. and Mary "Miki" L. (Weaver) Armstrong in Grayling, Mich. His parents survive in Buchanan.

Also surviving are three daughters, Katrina Marie, Jillian Noel and Nichole Roi Armstrong of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Stanley and Acarla "Vickie" Sanford of Buchanan, and Kenneth and Tammi Binkley of Fremont; and six nieces and three nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Coldwater at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Memorials are to the family or the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY —

Franklin S. Langohr, 87, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Donna Gaby

WAWAKA — Donna A. Gaby, 64, of Wawaka, died at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient one week.

She was born in Kosciusko County on April 2, 1936, to Joseph and Iva (Hamilton) Taylor. On Aug. 27, 1955, in Orange Township, Noble County, she married Jack R. Gaby. He survives.

Mrs. Gaby had lived at the Wawaka address for 45 years, moving from Kendallville. She was a preschool teacher at Trinity Day Care in Albion and a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church and the Noble County Extension Homemakers' Club. She was a 4-H leader for 20 years and a foster parent for 10 years.

Also surviving are three daughters and three sons-in-law, Sherry and Brian Ostermeier of Albion, Niki and Scott Dillard of Plano, Texas, and Jo and Glenn Allen of Kinston, N.C.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack R. and Rachel Gaby of Mack, Colo., and Timothy Gaby of Wawaka; an adopted son,

Robert Gaby of Wawaka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jo Ellen and Karl Householder of Wolcottville, Sally and Jim Neuman of Auburn, and Susan and Larry Dixon of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank "Bud" and Kathy Taylor of Santee, Calif., Larry and Linda Taylor of Fletcher, Ohio, and Keith and Dorothy Taylor of Albion; and four grandchildren, Nikohl and Neal Ostermeier of Albion, and Timothy Ian Holden and Alexandra Allen of Kinston, N.C.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Albion with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Endowment Fund.

Denver Merillat

ANGOLA — Denver P. Merillat, 73, of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mr. Merillat was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. From 1960-66, he was manager of Consumers Natural Gas in Angola. He was co-owner of Hoosier Cartage in Angola from 1966-73, and worked in the maintenance department at Tri-State University from 1973 until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 22, 1927, in Bryan, Ohio, to Peter and Velma (Lillich) Merillat.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Merillat, of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Colleen K. and Terry Adcock of Westfield, and Gail S. and Gary Coler of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis L. and Diana Merillat of Greenwood; a brother, De Arle Merillat of Wauseon, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

William Hook

BUTLER — William C. Hook, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at 6:42 a.m. in Butler.

Mr. Hook worked in highway maintenance for the Michigan State Highway Department for 15 years. He served in the U.S. Army from Nov. 9, 1943, to Feb. 13, 1946. He lived in Butler and was a member of Butler Assembly of God Church.

He was born April 28, 1925, in Milford Center, Ohio, to Clark and Mabel (Schooley) Hook.

He married Donelda Cox on Sept. 2, 1948, in Joliet, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ginger Hafer of Cynthiana, Ky., and Linda Wahl of Douglasville, Ga.; one brother, Max Hook of Hicksville, Ohio; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Rachel O'mera officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — Ruby T. Anderson, 88, died Sept. 5. Services were held Sept. 8 in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Lucile Griffin

LAGRANGE — Lucile A. Griffin, 90, died at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 6, 1909, to Lyman and Katherine (Keil) Griffin. On Sept. 25, 1937, in Fort Wayne, she married Kermit D. Griffin. He preceded her in death in April 1976.

Mrs. Griffin moved from Fort Wayne to Wolcottville where she resided three years before moving to the nursing home. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Frank Spaw of Wolcottville; and grandchildren, Julie and DeWayne Colbert of Bryan, Ohio, Linda and Richard Mumma of Avilla, Laurie and Todd Pierce of Orland and Christopher and Joann Spaw of Hamilton; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Services were today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mullen of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, officiating. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne with a committal service at 3 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., Sept. 22, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Jean Jackson

HARLAN — Mary Jean Jackson, 62, of Harlan, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at 9:46 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jackson always had a smile and was known for her generous spirit. She will be remembered for her good-spirited, fun nature. She was active at the North Scipio United Methodist Church for over 40 years.

She graduated from Paulding County High School with the Class of 1956. She had worked at the Yellowstone Restaurant in Hicksville, Ohio, The Alpine Restaurant in Fort Wayne and other establishments in Fort Wayne, and was active with

She was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to Loren and Maybelle (Ebersole) Dickerhoff. Her mother survives in Van Wert, Ohio.

On Aug. 11, 1956, she married Robert Jackson in Cecil, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Shelley Williams of Harlan and Sandra Buuck of Fort Wayne; three sons, Dale Jackson of Fort Wayne, Duane Jackson of Woodburn, and Dean Jackson of Harlan; two sisters, Judy Reznikov of Harlan and Sherry Subler of Delphos, Ohio; a brother, Larry Dickerhoff of Van Wert, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Loren, in 1976; one brother, Max Dickerhoff, in 1992; and a grandson, Jacob Benjamin Buuck, in 1989.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the North Scipio United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Joe Andrews officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, and Saturday after noon at the church.

Memorials are to the North Scipio United Methodist Church or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Minneapolis.

Jack Dancer

FORT WAYNE — Jack E. Dancer, 69, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was employed by and a member of Insulators Local 41, retiring in 1991. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of American Legion Post 82.

Mr. Dancer was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Fort Wayne.

His wife, Cecelia Harding Dancer, preceded him in death in 1999.

Surviving him are one son, Gary L. Dancer of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Marla S. Gipson of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Eugene Williams of Waterloo; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post 82.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society.

Andrew Barrand

HAMILTON — Andrew John Barrand died 90 minutes after his birth Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Andrew A. Barrand and Jamie Lemke. They survive in Hamilton.

Also surviving are one sister, Danielle Lemke of Hamilton; maternal grandparents Sharon and William Lemke of Quincy, Mich.; paternal grandparents Alfred Jr. and Nancy Barrand of Fort Wayne; great-grandparents Alfred Sr. and Gerry Barrand of Fort Wayne; and great-grandmother Laura Kline of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating.

Calling is Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

The following obituary is being reprinted to add information.

Donna Gaby

WAWAKA — Donna A. Gaby, 64, of Wawaka, died at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient one week.

She was born in Kosciusko County on April 2, 1936, to Joseph and Iva (Hamilton) Taylor. On Aug. 27, 1955, in Orange Township, Noble County, she married Jack R. Gaby. He survives.

Mrs. Gaby had lived at the Wawaka address for 45 years, moving from Kendallville. She was a preschool teacher at Trinity Day Care in Albion and a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church and the Noble County Extension Homemakers' Club. She was a 4-H leader for 20 years and a foster parent for 10 years.

Also surviving are three daughters and three sons-in-law, Sherry and Brian Ostermeier of Albion, Niki and Scott Dillard of Plano,

Texas, and Jo and Glenn Allen of Kinston, N.C.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack R. and Rachel Gaby of Mack, Colo., and Timothy Gaby of Wawaka; an adopted son, Robert Gaby of Wawaka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jo Ellen and Karl Householder of Wolcottville, Sally and Jim Neuman of Auburn, and Susan and Larry Dixon of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank "Bud" and Kathy Taylor of Santee, Calif., Larry and Linda Taylor of Fletcher, Ohio, and Keith and Dorothy Taylor of Albion; and four grandchildren, Nikohl and Neal Ostermeier of Albion, and Timothy Ian Holden and Alexandra Allen of Kinston, N.C.

A brother, Richard Taylor, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Albion with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Endowment Fund.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Nathan A. LaRue**, 19, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Mary L. Eggeman**, 89, died Thursday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth D. Walter

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth D. Walter, 84, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walter had been a Fort Wayne resident for most of his life. He retired from Stockberger Machinery in 1981 after 16 years of service.

He was a member of the Trier Ridge Community Church of God, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 F&AM, Scottish Rite, AARP and American Legion Post 47 of Fort Wayne. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was a past president and the current treasurer of the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club.

He was born Aug. 19, 1916 in Hoytville, Ohio.

He married his wife, Valetta E. Walter, on Aug. 19, 1937, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth J. of Fort Wayne and Timothy J. of Charleston, S.C.; a daughter, Sue A. Schmidt of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vera M. Brown of St. Louis, Mo.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Trier Ridge Community Church of God, 7501 Hessen Cassel

Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, with a military graveside service.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home. An Auburn Masonic Lodge service will take place at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Trier Ridge Community Church of God

Francis France

WARSAW — Francis "Frank" France, 46, of Warsaw, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000 at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He was a construction worker and a Cincinnati native. He had lived in the Barbee Lakes area for six years and had formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Christina; two daughters, Joyce France of Louisville, Ky. and Delores Blanton of Thonotosassa, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Dawn Young of Topeka; two sisters, Fay Parton of Williamsburg, Ky., and Joy Belcher of Stoney Fork, Ky.; three brothers, Gene of Auburn, Harold of Garrett and Kenneth of Artemus, Ky.; two grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at

North Webster Cemetery.

Calling is at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Anna Viola Miller, 88, died Friday. Services are at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Glen H. Yoder residence, 7640 W. 500-S., Topeka. Calling is there after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday.

MUNCIE — Donald D. Younce, 72, died Thursday. Services Monday at 10 a.m. in Pitman-Richman Funeral Home in Eaton, with calling after 9 a.m. Calling Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

SYRACUSE — Marilyn N. Ringler, 68, died Thursday at 9:58 p.m. Services Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel in Syracuse. Calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

WAWAKA — Thomas W. Wolf, 62, died at 11:24 p.m. Thursday. Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Calling is Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Helen Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Helen L. Johnson, 75, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Kokomo. She retired from Kroger Co. in 1962 after working there 13 years. She also had been employed with Fabricare Center for five years.

Surviving are one daughter, Penny L. Di Francesco of Fort Wayne; two sons, William T. Johnson III of Fort Wayne and Lewis "Smokey" Stelhorn of Angola; one sister, Loretta Ort of Indiana; a half-brother, William Anderson of Kokomo; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, William T. "Ted" Johnson Jr., preceded her in death in 1988.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Monday in Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Wendell Burch

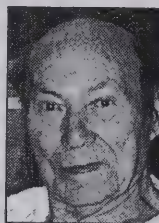
ANGOLA — Wendell R. Burch, 77, of Angola, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Burch had worked as a mechanic for Allwood & Oliver Tractor Sales for 32 years, retiring in 1986. He also was employed in the shipping and receiving department at Tri-State University for 15 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola. He attended the Hamilton Church of Christ.

He was born March 21, 1923, in Hamilton to Clarence and Etta M. (Sewell) Burch.

On Aug. 6, 1950, he married Margaret DeLong in Angola. She preceded him in death on April 20, 1989.



Burch

He was also preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Hagaman; and two brothers, Kenneth and Leon Burch.

Surviving are one son, Robert Burch of Angola; two daughters, Linda Hagaman of Angola and Mrs. James (Debra) Walkup of Kendallville; one granddaughter, Mrs. Robert (Tammy) Harris; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Jim Minear officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, with military honors by the Angola post of the American Legion.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Cameron Memorial Home Health Care & Hospice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Judith Schrader

KEWANNA, Ind. — Judith A. Shrader, 57, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, at 9:40 p.m. in South Bend Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Shrader worked in the human resource department at Plymouth Tube Co. in Winamac and lived in Kewanna. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Indiana Wesleyan University earlier this year.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Kewanna, the Fulton County Health Board, and the Fulton County chapter of the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed gardening.

She was born July 7, 1943, in Winamac to Harry A. and Mercedes Elizabeth (Nufer) Roberts. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald R. Schrader on Nov. 24, 1962, in Winamac, and he survives.

Also surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Trent Stuckey of Auburn, Shelly and Bob Daughtery of Rochester, and Lisa and Austin Mutchler of Warsaw; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Rita Roberts of Cass Lake, Minn., John and Louise Roberts of Elloree, S.C., and Jeff and Brenda Roberts of Winamac; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet Marie and George Brown of Vestal, N.Y., Jo Ellen and Doc Russell of Winamac, Jennifer Louise and Dave Terry of Winamac, Jeannine Rose and Steve George of Middlebury, and Jayne Elizabeth and Carl Federer of Francesville; and six grandchildren, Taylor and Lauren Daughtery, Jared and Madison Mutchler, and Alexis and Bayley Stuckey.

Services took place Saturday in St. Anne Catholic Church in Kewanna, with burial in Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fulton County unit of the American Cancer Society, or Pulaski County Health Care Center.

John Martin

AVILLA — John M. Martin, 82, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000, at 6:37 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Martin worked for the Ford Motor Credit Co. in Sacramento, Calif. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 14, 1918, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Augustine and Mary (Donato) Martin.

He married Betty Mae Herrick on Aug. 23, 1937, in Reno, Nev. She died March 9, 1996.

Surviving him are one son, John C. Martin of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Anne Thomson of Garrett; one brother, David Martin of Salinas, Calif.; and two sisters, Geraldine Jameson and Kathleen Ginn, both of Salinas.

One sister, Louise Will, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be held in Calvary Cemetery, Sacramento, at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.



Wayne Cole

ANGOLA — Wayne D. Cole, 82, of Angola, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Cole was a farmer and a lifelong Steuben County resident. He was a member of the North Scott Christian Church and a life member of the Angola Odd Fellows Lodge. He was the Steuben County jury commissioner and a past president and agent of Steuben County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

He was born Dec. 12, 1917, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to Ora C. and Ethel (Fales) Cole.

On Jan. 15, 1939, he married Lena R. (Eatinger) Cole, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles D. Cole of Angola and James L. Cole of Clarksville, Tenn.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Celesta Sellers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the North Scott Christian Church, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the North Scott Christian Church and the American Heart Association.

Margaret Hoot

SYRACUSE — Margaret L. Hoot, 82, died Friday, Sept., 22, 2000, at Kosciusko Hospital in Warsaw.

She was a homemaker and was born in Auburn. Her husband died in 1998.

Surviving her are a daughter, Jennie Sorenson of Niles, Mich.; a son, Karl Keiper of Syracuse; two stepsons, David Hoot of Stewartsville, Minn., and Nick Hoot of Rome City; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, County Road 27, Waterloo, with Pastor David Hoot officiating.

Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Lee E. "Tank" Armstrong, 59, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with calling from 6-9 p.m. today and 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 26, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Florence Hunt

SALEM, W.Va. — Florence J. Hunt died Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, at 8:27 a.m. in her home in Salem, W.Va.

Mrs. Hunt was retired from the Harrison County Board of Education after 17 years as a social worker. She had served as a city councilwoman in Salem and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salem and its Woman's Club.

She was a graduate of Salem College and Glenville State College. She had studied one year at the University of Miami in Florida, and two years at Indiana University.

She had been an officer of the Salem Business and Professional Women's Club. She was a member of Chi Omega National College Sorority, and Tri Kappa Sorority in

Indiana, where she was a former member and officer of the American Association of University Women. She was a Lioness in the Salem Lions Club and was a former member of the Pan Hellenic Association.

She was born in Garrett to Franklin L. and Olivia (Holsinger) Barbillion. They preceded her in death.

She married John L. Hunt Sr., who died Feb. 4, 1990.

Surviving her are one son, Robert Davis Ball of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Denise Bellant of Ossian and Dianne Raynor of Indianapolis; and four grandchildren, Aaron James and Joi Wind McDiarmid, Elizabeth Julie Raynor, and Monica Kay Bellant; and nieces and nephews.

One sister, Betty Punksy, preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salem, with the Rev. Father Giannamore officiating. Entombment will be in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Calling is today from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Davis-Weaver Funeral Home, 329 E. Main St., Clarksburg, W.Va. A vigil service will be conducted today at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, P.O. Box 248, Salem WV 26426 or Salem Fire Department, P.O. Box 126, Salem WV 26426.

Ruth Searcy

NEW HARMONY — Ruth Ellen Searcy, 42, died from cancer Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000, at 10:20 a.m. in her home in rural New Harmony.

Mrs. Searcy worked for Ag GAF and was active on the Farm Bureau Executive Livestock Committee. She was a 4-H leader and member of the Mount Zion General Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.

She was born Aug. 27, 1958, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are her husband, Roy Searcy; one daughter, Jackie Lynn Searcy of New Harmony; one son, Timothy R. Searcy of New Harmony; one sister, Doris Schoof of St. Joe; two brothers, Nolan Johnson of Auburn and Bruce Johnson of St. Joe; and her mother, Juanita Mitchener Ringler of St. Joe.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Mount Zion General Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rick Sellers officiating.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Concord United Methodist Church, in rural Auburn, with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. in Norvell Funeral Home, Mount Vernon.

Memorials are to the Mount Zion General Baptist Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Bonnie Maxine Haire**, 78, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Dorene H. Tully**, 89, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 27, 2000.

Deaths/Funerals

Madalynn Boren

AUBURN — Madalynn Jean Boren, 77, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, in her daughter's home in Germany.

Mrs. Boren worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 36 1/2 years, retiring Oct. 10, 1989.

She was born Nov. 26, 1922, in Newark, Ohio, to Joseph and Grace Ethel (Rice) Fulton.

She married Cletus G. Boren on June 30, 1945. He died May 27, 1995.

Surviving her are six daughters, Donna Hayes of Garrett, Jeanine Newmeyer of Willard, Ohio, Connie Collins of Ashley, Bonnie Prater of Stevensville, Texas, Sandy Kammerer of Germany, and Linda Husted of Auburn; three brothers, Joseph Fulton of Willard, Gerald Fulton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Richard Fulton of Mansfield, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Sam Clevenger

LIGONIER — Sam R. Clevenger, 75, of Ligonier, died at 6:12 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2000, in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born in Corunna Aug. 17, 1925, to Lester and Myrtle (Loy) Clevenger.

Mr. Clevenger worked in the maintenance department of Vencor Hospital-LaGrange. He had lived in LaGrange and Noble counties all of his life and was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are three sons, Sammy R. Clevenger of Shipshewana, Ray Clevenger of Brimfield and David Clevenger of Ligonier; a daughter, Judy Meyers of Kendallville; two sisters, Esther Parker of Woodburn, and Marilyn Swank of Garrett; two brothers, John Clevenger of Auburn, and Fred Clevenger of Avilla; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Clevenger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 215.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Richard Schorey

JUNCTION CITY, Ark. — Richard K. Schorey, 68, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2000, at 12:05 a.m. in the Medical Center of South Arkansas in El Dorado, Ark.

Mr. Schorey was retired from his work as a supervisor for Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn. He was a Scoutmaster for 22 years. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn and Fort Wayne Rubber and Plastics Group.

He was born June 29, 1932, in Bluffton to Warren M. and Justine Lucille (Lockwood) Schorey.

He married Eva McPherson on Aug. 2, 1975, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael A. Schorey of Manhattan, Kan., Jeffrey W. Schorey of Fort Wayne, and Todd D. Schorey of Bluffton; two stepsons, William J. Gibson of Haynesville, La., and Mitchell A. Gibson of Fremont, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Bates of Auburn and Karen R. Brummitt of Fort Wayne; one brother, Jerry L. Schorey of Fort Wayne; one half-brother, Keith R. Walters of Bluffton; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard Schorey Jr., and one brother, Wayne McAffe, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline

Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Richard Kraus will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County United Way.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Carolyn Mae Slusser**, 61, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 30 minutes before services.

CROMWELL — **Georgia Ann McDonald**, 92, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

CROMWELL — **Janet F. Woodrum**, 67, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Hugh Farrington

WATERLOO — Hugh K. Farrington, 87, died today, Sept. 28, 2000, at 7:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Farrington retired in 1987 after 43 years as a bookkeeper and clerk for Burtzner-Wilhelm (now Wilhelm) Gravel Co., Waterloo. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he spent 13 months in prison camps in Italy and Germany. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He was born Dec. 22, 1912, in Corunna to Clyde C. and Emma (Kuckuck) Farrington.

He married Velma Shumaker on Sept. 20, 1944, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Louise and Tom Thompson of Waterloo; six grandchildren and their spouses, Debra Squier of Waterloo, Suzanne and Joe Fritz of Largo, Fla., Jason David of Waterloo, Ryan David of Butler, Tammy and Randy Swank of Ligonier, and Jill Thompson of Uniondale; and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother, Clark Farrington, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Ralph O. Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Everett Davis

COLDWATER, Mich. — Everett E. Davis, 65, of Algansee Township, Branch County, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Davis was a retired supervisor at the Eckrich Co. in Quincy, Mich.

He was born Oct. 7, 1934, in Etna Green.

Surviving are a daughter, Sherry Heater of Coldwater; three sons, Richard Lee Davis, Gary Everett Davis and Robert Eugene Davis, all of Coldwater; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters and three brothers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mae (VanderPloeg)

Davis, on March 16, 1991.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Norbert Dirig

HUDSON — Norbert A. Dirig, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000, at 6:16 p.m. in Parkview Noble hospital at Kendallville.

Mr. Dirig worked in sheet metal layout for 40 years at International Harvester, retiring in 1985. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on Big Long Lake.

He was born June 6, 1918; in Fort Wayne to John and Elizabeth (Steiger) Dirig.

His first wife, Betty Fogle Dirig, preceded him in death.

He married Alice L. Schuler on Aug. 27, 1988, in Hudson, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Peter J. Dirig of Hudson; one daughter, Carolann Dirig of Capitola, Calif.; one stepson, Robert Fogle of Minnesota; one brother, George of New Haven; and one granddaughter, Brandy Gephart of Grabill.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church.

Madalynn Boren

AUBURN — Graveside services for Madalynn Jean Boren will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Boren, 77, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, in her daughter's home in Germany.

She worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 36 1/2 years, retiring Oct. 10, 1989.

She was born Nov. 26, 1922, in Newark, Ohio, to Joseph and Grace Ethel (Rice) Fulton.

She married Cletus G. Boren on June 30, 1945. He died May 27, 1995.

Surviving her are six daughters, Donna Hayes of Garrett, Jeanine Newmeyer of Willard, Ohio, Connie Collins of Ashley, Bonnie Prater of Stevensville, Texas, Sandy Kammerer of Germany, and Linda Husted of Auburn; three brothers, Joseph Fulton of Willard, Gerald Fulton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Richard Fulton of Mansfield, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth McGinnis

ST. JOE — Ruth E. McGinnis, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McGinnis retired in 1979 after 29 years as a clerk for International Harvester Co.

She had been a resident of St. Joe for 14 years. She previously lived in Fort Wayne and Lake Placid, Fla. She was born July 8, 1918, in Muncie.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce McGinnis of St. Joe; a brother, Charles McLaughlin of Muncie; a granddaughter, Mary (Mayes) Chelf of St. Joe; two grandsons, Robert Smith of St. Joe and Richard E. Smith of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Amanda Smith of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert McGinnis, who died in 1987, and a daughter, Esther Elaine Mayes.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Patricia Sweet

STURGIS, Mich. — Patricia C. Sweet, 64, of Sturgis, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, following a battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Kendallville to Eldon and Anna (Rice) Scott. On June 5, 1964, in Kendallville, she married Larry Dean Sweet. He survives.

Mrs. Sweet retired in 1994 from Sturgis Molded Products after more than 10 years. She was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis and enjoyed bowling, camping and spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

Also surviving are a daughter, Paula Appleton of Sturgis; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward and Marlene Sweet of Angola, Randall Sweet of Howe

and Scott and Sandee Sweet of Sturgis; 12 grandchildren, April McMillin, Melanie Shuler, Andrew Pontias, Lindsay Appleton, Brandon, Josh, Evan, R.J., Zackary, Patrick, Danielle and Logan Sweet; five great-grandchildren, Amberly and Joey McMillin, and Michael, Brady and Kaysee Shuler; four brothers, Robert Scott of Tucson, Ariz., Eldon Scott of Kendallville, Thomas Scott of Fort Wayne and Jon Scott of Angola; three sisters, Margaret Godsell of Kendallville, and Ruth Ulrey and Cecilia Schmit, both of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Allan Scott.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Friday in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis with the Rev. Leon Pohl officiating. A committal service will follow Mass at Sturgis Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 5-7 p.m. Indiana time today.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Nathaniel Beitz

KENDALLVILLE — Nathaniel Allen Beitz, 4, of Kendallville, died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, in his home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1995, in Auburn to Jeff A. and April J. (Brown) Beitz. They survive in Kendallville.

Nathaniel was a lifetime resident of Kendallville. He attended the First Church of God and Children's First Center in Auburn and he enjoyed storytime at the Kendallville Public Library.

Also surviving are paternal grandparents, Bill and Mary Jane Blackford of Fort Wayne; maternal grandparents, Bill and Joyce Woods and Steve and Kathleen Brown, all of Anderson; maternal great-grandparents, Mansel and Lucille Brown and Ruth Randol, all

of Anderson, and Richard and Janice Talbert of Frankton; an uncle, Todd Brown of Indianapolis; an aunt, Cindy Carper of Kendallville; and a close family friend, Rose Miller of Peru.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, James Beitz, and a maternal great-grandmother, Beatrice Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Church of God, Kendallville, with the Rev. Cliff Black and the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Shane K. Honaker**, 35, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there two hours before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

Gladwin Parr

AUBURN — Gladwin Lavon "Bud" Parr, 87, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000, at 10:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Parr was a farmer, and worked as a setup man at Dana Corp. for several years. He also owned Jay's Inn tavern through the early 1970s. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 10, 1913, in Noble County to Charles Earl and Kathleen (Hovarter) Parr.

He married June E. Fredrick on March 3, 1937, in Albion. She died Nov. 3, 1992.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Lauren and Carol Parr of LaOtto; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy J. and Eugene Nodine of Ashley; one brother, Burdette Parr of Kendallville; two sisters, Genevieve Hasselman of Kendallville and Metta Jean Jacquay of New Haven; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One son, Robert D. Parr, one brother and three sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corona.

Calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Sondra Day

ANGOLA — Sondra Lee Day, 65, of Angola, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had been a title insurance agent at Goodale Abstract Co. in Angola, retiring after 31 years of service. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Vincennes to Thomas and Mona C. (Barnes) Day.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas Ralph Day of Cerritos, Calif.; two sisters, Lyda Jean McFarland of Knox and Brenda Suzanne Higga-son of Hammond; and aunts, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Karen A. Broad.

Memorial services are pending. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery. There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Pluma Ordway

EDGERTON, Ohio — Pluma M. Ordway, 80, died Thursday, September 28, 2000, at 12:10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Ordway was born Aug. 23, 1920, Defiance County, Ohio, the daughter of Clarence and Mary Melinda (Worthington) Winebar.

She married Charles Amos Ordway on March 3, 1936. He preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1976.

She was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ, the Church of Christ Ladies Aide, Williams County Pomona Grange 16, the Edgerton Senior Center and the Milford Community Club. She was a 50-year member of Sodom Grange 1267.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eugene and Ruth Ordway and Allen Ordway, all of Edgerton; four daughters and sons-in-law, Lorna and Morris Warner and Donna and Robert Wrinkle, all of Edgerton; Nancy and Walter Fry of Butler, and Joyce and Donald Mason of Edon, Ohio; 22 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, nine step great-grandchildren and

one step great-great-grandchild; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Wilbur and Millie Winebar of Edgerton and Robert Winebar of Bryan, Ohio; one sister and brother-in-law, Elden and Pearl Warner of Butler; and one daughter-in-law, Bonnie Ordway of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth, in 1996, and an infant daughter, JoAnn, in 1956.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the Edgerton Church of Christ, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Sunday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials may be given to the diabetes foundation or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Rothgeb

HOAGLAND — Helen Berniece Rothgeb, 76, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Rothgeb was a homemaker and a former longtime resident of Hoagland. She was a former member of the Hoagland United Methodist Church.

She was born June 7, 1924, in Monroeville to John William and Myrtle May (Girardot) Voirol. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her husband, Howard W. Rothgeb Sr. of Rome City; a son, Howard W. Rothgeb Jr. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Marjorie A. Stoner of LaOtto and Sally J. Gerardot of Woodburn; three brothers, Harold E. Voirol of Harlan, Thomas W. Voirol of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and Robert L. Voirol of Albion; a sister, Donna

Goldthewaite of Zephyrhills, Fla.; eight grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Antioch Lutheran Cemetery, Hoagland.

Additional calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Area Deaths

WOLF LAKE — Dorothy May Parker Harting, 88, died Thursday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Eleanor Shearer

AUBURN — Eleanor M. Shearer, 67, of Auburn, died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at Wesley Health Care.

Mrs. Shearer was a homemaker.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1933, in Avilla, to Raymond and Mary (Lemish) Dressler.

Surviving are her husband of 44 years, Merl O. Shearer, of Auburn; two sons, Ronnie L. Shearer and Randy R. Shearer, both of Auburn; four sisters, Jean Reeves of Kendallville, Lois Liebing of Avilla, Martha Heckler of New Haven and Mary Compton of Troy, Ohio; two brothers, Ivan Dressler of Kendallville and Don Dressler of Avilla; two granddaughters and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carol Shearer; and a sister, Joan Dressler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Harvey L. Huntley Jr., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Curtis Handshoe Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Curtis Handshoe Jr., 45, of Kendallville, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, in his home.

He was born July 26, 1955, in Kendallville to Curtis Handshoe Sr. and Lawnie (Howard) Handshoe. His mother survives in Kendallville. His father preceded him in death on Dec. 3, 1998.

Mr. Handshoe was a 1973 graduate of East Noble High School and a lifetime area resident.

Surviving are a son, Travis Handshoe of Kendallville; two daughters, Kelly Handshoe and Caitlin Handshoe, both of Kendallville; and five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Audrey Bailey of Kendallville, Sharon Handshoe of Kendallville, Phyllis and Clyde Homister of Kendallville, Caroline and Steve West of Kendallville, and Joyce and Carl Fields of West Unity, Ohio.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with Lloyd Sheperd officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Day Care Center.

Clarence Wells

AVILLA — Memorial services for Clarence A. Wells were held at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. The Rev. Dean Bearman and Tom Novy officiated the service. Pallbearers were Tom, Russ and Bob Carteaux, Joe Duehmig, Tom Vice and George Clifford. American Legion Post 240 in Avilla lead a full military graveside service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Glade Bushong

ALBION — Glade T. Bushong, 77, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bushong was born Oct. 10, 1922, in Jefferson Township of Noble County, to Dale and Edna (Bower) Bushong. On Sept. 30, 1976, in Albion, he married Wahnetta "Susie" Greenman, who survives.

Mr. Bushong retired in 1992 from Stroman Electronics in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 246, Albion. He attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law and two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Brenda and John Hoover of Albion, Colette and Don Parker of Hometown, LuAnn and Chuck Spuller of Harbor Springs, Mich., Cindy and Phil Jacob of Albion, and Cathy and Mike Blomberg of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, Bernard Bushong of Albion; three sisters, Virginia Leatherman of Albion, Phyllis Fullhart of Arizona, and Mary Nash of South Bend.

Two brothers, Bill Bushong and Donald Bushong, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Also, there will be special military graveside services at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, by American Legion Post 246, Albion.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Virgie McCoy

AVILLA — Virgie B. McCoy, 102, died at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Aug. 10, 1898, in Swan Township of Noble County, to Orlando B. and Ocie Mae (Whan) McCoy. On Oct. 8, 1919, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Swan Township, she married Chauncey McCoy. He preceded her in death Sept. 22, 1982.

She was a homemaker and was a lifelong resident of Noble County. She was a member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, and loved flowers and music.

Surviving are one son, Donald McCoy of Avilla; three daughters, Phyllis Butts of Churubusco, and Ruth Motter and Norma Griebel, both of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Also, one son, Richard McCoy, died in 1971.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hopewell Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or to Provena Sacred Heart Van Fund.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Omer Miller

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Omer C. Miller, 69, formerly of LaGrange County, died at 5:22 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at Cedar Crest Care Center, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Mr. Miller was born June 22, 1931, in LaGrange County to Chris and Abbie (Lehman) Miller.

He had been an over-the-road trucker and was a member of Victory Christian Center of Tulsa, Okla.

Surviving are one son, Kevin Miller of Dallas, Texas; one granddaughter; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Katie and Lloyd Miller of Middlebury, Wilma Mast of Goshen, Mary Ellen and Dave Beachy of Goshen, Esther and Emanuel Miller of Halfway, Mo., and Leanna and Marion Miller of Middlebury; and three brothers, John Miller of New Paris, Obie "Bud" Miller of Bristol and Chris Miller of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ida Mae Mast, and by a brother, Elmer Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. James Breniser, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Missionary Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the church and one hour before services on Tuesday.

Memorials are to hospice.

Miller Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Inks

LIGONIER — Beverly L. Inks, 80, of Floral Park, N.Y., formerly of Ligonier, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000, at North Shore University Hospital in Glen Cove, N.Y., following a brief illness.

She was born Feb. 24, 1920, in LaGrange County to Lloyd and Nina (Frick) Hunter. She had been married to Robert E. Inks, who died in 1973.

She had been a New York resident for more than 50 years and was retired from New Hyde Park School District, where she had been a cook. She was a member of Bellerose Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Steven Inks of Atlanta, Ga., Ronald Inks of Islandia, N.Y., and Douglas Inks and Dennis Inks, both of Floral Park; three sisters, Eleanor Price of Syracuse, N.Y., Helen Sylvester of Fort Wayne, and Lois Snowberger of Ligonier; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Inks.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Burkett Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Harriet Soderquist

WARREN — Harriet Soderquist, 81, of Warren, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000, at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

The Landess native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Edwards of Warren; two sons, Jim Hoskins of Rockford and Erick O. Soderquist of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Russell Searles of Warren and Robert Searles of Angola; two sisters, Mary Williamson of Warren and Irene Books of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erick O. Soderquist, in 1981, and by a daughter, Velma Van Allen.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown Chapel, Warren. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery, Huntington.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Audree Julian

ANGOLA — Audree Mae Julian, 69, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, in her home in Angola.

She was born Oct. 16, 1930, in Angola to Asa and Lura (Brooks) Davis. On June 20, 1955, she married Max E. Julian, who survives.

She was secretary-treasurer for Tri-Angle Earth Mowing and was a past president of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary and was a member of

Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Gene Julian, Michael Julian and Randy Julian, all of Angola; two daughters, Cheryl Brinkman of Cleves, Ohio, and Michele Kerr of Carmel; one sister, Josephine McClain of Hudson; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Carledean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Funeral services for **Janet F. Woodrum**, 67, of Cromwell, were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Joseph Brickey officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Blaine Woodrum, Roger Woodrum, Ronnie Myers, Chris Brickey, Bill McMahan and Gary Crowder.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Richard Klinger

ST. JOE — Richard Allen Klinger, 18, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at 6:20 a.m. at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven.

He was born Jan. 10, 1982, in Fort Wayne to Jesse and Edith M. Klinger. His father survives in St. Joe and his mother preceded him in death on March 3, 1998.

Also surviving him are a sister, Heather Klinger of Grabill; and two brothers, Daniel Klinger of Bluffton and Howard Klinger of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville, with Rev. Mike Morimanno officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Jack

ANGOLA — Donald Lamar Jack, 68, of Angola, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, in Angola.

Mr. Jack was an inspector with Edgerton Manufacturing and a farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born May 2, 1932, in Edon, Ohio, to Herman and Hazel (Worthington) Jack.

On May 8, 1954, he married Ruth Jack, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Stark of Swanton, Ohio, and Peggy Myers of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Larry Jack of Pleasant

Lake; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Roger and Gary Jack; and a sister, Sally Somerlott.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Olive Walbolt

FREMONT — Olive E. Walbolt, 85, of Fremont, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walbolt was retired from her career as a supervisor for GTE in Angola and Bowling Green, Ohio. She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born July 15, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio, to Roy Shelton and Emma (Laskey) Thorp.

On Jan. 14, 1938, in Toledo, she married Carlton G. Walbolt, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Anna and Roger Barry of Fremont, and Barbara and Charles Conway of New Carlisle; a son and a daughter-in-law, John and Terri Walbolt of Walton; a son-in-law, Wendell Cooper of Fremont; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Cooper, in 1992, and a sister, Ruth Wazelle.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church, the Steuben County Cancer Society or RISE Inc.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Maude A. Leininger**, 98, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Roger L. Overholser**, 46, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., Oct. 3, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Edwin Dunn

WATERLOO — Edwin "Bud" Dunn, 82, died Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dunn retired in 1981 from Rieke Corp. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Greenhurst Country Club, Hamilton Fish & Game Club, and the Waterloo Masonic Lodge.

He was born Sept. 8, 1918, in Waterloo to Augustus and Belle (Buss) Dunn.

He married Lucille "Lucy" Smith on July 31, 1941, in Waterloo. She died Oct. 1, 1988.

Surviving him are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Tom Dunn of Auburn, Jim and Becky Dunn of Waterloo, and Ed Dunn of Waterloo; one daughter, Barbara Stephens of Auburn; one sister, Jean Post of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Cara Lane, Ryan Stephens, and Damian, Camden and Kyle Dunn; and two great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Harry, Russell and Charles, and three sisters, Fern Dunn, Fay Higley and June Lingle, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Charles Huffman

NETTLE LAKE, Ohio — Charles Wayne Huffman, 73, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2000, at 12:50 a.m. in Parkview Nursing Care Center in Edgerton, Ohio. He had resided there since November 1999.

Mr. Huffman had retired from the heating and plumbing industry. He worked for Rolf Heating and Plumbing in Fort Wayne for several years. He lived in Nettle Lake.

He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in South Bend to Clarence and Anna P. (Summers) Huffman.

He married Margaret Kinzer on Oct. 3, 1987, in St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Pamela Faukenberg, Debra Luckadoo and Brenda Dimit, all of Fort Wayne, and Gloria Chivington of North Webster; three sons, David and Dennis, both of Fort Wayne, and Donald of Warsaw; two stepsons, Michael Rose of Marion and Bill Rose of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Bonnie Staup of Bryan, Ohio; one brother, Virgil Huffman of New Haven; 13 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Helen, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating.

Calling is Wednesday after 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Howard Cantwell

ROME CITY — Howard C. Cantwell, 82, of Rome City, died at 9:25 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2000, in his home near Rome City.

He was born Nov. 20, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Anna (Firks) Cantwell. On Jan. 7, 1950, in Fort Wayne, he married Mary DeWald. She survives.

Mr. Cantwell served in the U.S. Army as a captain during World War II, having served in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was a graduate of Fort Wayne Central High School and had a three-year degree from the University of Southern California. He was a member of St. Gaspar's Catholic Church near Rome City, VFW Post 2749, Kendallville, and member and past commander of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Mr. Cantwell was a mail carrier for the Postal Service. He also served as Orange Township trustee from 1983-87 and was past president of the Rome City Town Council.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Margaret Cantwell of Bloomington, Daniel and Jill Cantwell of Auburn, Timothy and Patricia Cantwell of Kendallville and Howard Cantwell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan Cantwell of Naples, Fla., and Annette and Gary Leis of LaOtto; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Richard, Paul, Robert, Calvin and Thomas Cantwell.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar's Catholic Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Masses at St. Gaspar.

Sondra Day

ANGOLA — Graveside services for Sondra Lee Day, 65, of Angola, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

She died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a title insurance agent at Goodale Abstract Co. in Angola and retired after 31 years of service. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Vincennes to Thomas and Mona C. (Barnes) Day.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas Ralph Day of Cerritos, Calif.; two sisters, Lyda Jean McFarland of Knox, and Brenda Suzanne Higga-son of Hammond; and aunts, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Karen A. Broad.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Maxine A. Brunkhart**, 70, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Mary L. Egge-**man, 89, died Thursday. Memorial services at noon Fort Wayne time in Payne Nazarene Church, Payne, Ohio. No calling.

ROME CITY — **Howard C. Cantwell**, 82, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cecil H. Huntley Jr.**, 71, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Bob Gaunt

AUBURN — Bob Gaunt, 77, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, at Arbors of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gaunt was an insurance claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance for 35 years, retiring in 1986. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 8, 1923, in Portland, Ind.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary B. Gaunt of Auburn; two daughters, Pam Hilgeman of Navarre Beach, Fla., and Patty Snelling of Leo; one son, Jeff Gaunt of Auburn; one sister, Miriam Williams of Portland; and seven grandchildren.

Six brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 5 p.m. at the Grabill Missionary Church in Grabill, with calling after 4:30 p.m. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Garold Kline

PLEASANT LAKE — Garold L. "Tiny" Kline, 52, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, at 8:03 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was an owner and driver for Mule Train Trucking. He lived in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Kline was born Dec. 26, 1947, in Garrett to Howard and Claudine (Fisher) Kline. They preceded him in death.

He married Jacqueline J. Sprout on June 15, 1969, in Quincy, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Derek L. Kline of Fremont and Darby C. Kline of Rosedale, Ind.; one brother, Michael Kline of Hudson; and three grandchildren, Hunter, Carson and Paige Kline.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder of the Hudson United Brethren Church officiating.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Stop Child

Abuse & Neglect (S.C.A.N.), 500 W. Main St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Wilkie Handshoe

HUEYSVILLE, Ky. — Wilkie S. Handshoe, 59, of Hueysville, Ky., died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000, in his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Handshoe was a 1960 graduate of Garrett High School. He was retired as a factory worker for International Navistar, a member of the Salt Lick Community United Baptist Church in Hueysville, and a former member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

We was born April 17, 1941, in Mid, Ky., the son of Sarah Shepherd Handshoe and the late John Handshoe. His mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his wife, Betty Bailey Handshoe; one son, Bill Handshoe of Hueysville; three daughters, Tammy DeLong of Hudson, Vickie Adkins and Ruthie Hicks of Hueysville; five brothers, Edgil of Rawlins, Wyo., Carl of Fort Wayne, Delmar of Garrett, Vernis of Butler and Clyde of Waterloo; a sister, Alice Martin of Garrett; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were held Monday in the Salt Lick Community United Baptist Church in Hueysville. Carlos Beverly and Bethel Bolen officiated.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Hueysville. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Bachtal

GARRETT — Betty B. "Buck-et" Bachtal, 82, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2000, at 6:15 p.m. in the Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett.

She was a secretary and office manager for West Brothers Insurance in Auburn, retiring in 1985. She worked for Abey Abrams in Garrett, playing records for high school sock hops for several years.

Miss Bachtal was born April 19, 1918, in Garrett to Edward C. and Carmen (Grosh) Bachtal. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one sister, Kalista Brinkerhoff of Garrett; one niece, Kristine Schultz of Ashland, Ore.; and one nephew, Daniel Brinkerhoff of Garrett.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation.

Lester Linn

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Lester Rolin Linn, 91, of Melbourne, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Linn, a Fort Wayne native, moved to Melbourne in 1974 from Miami. He was a retired ship's carpenter for Merrill Stevens Drydock in Miami. He enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Florida Callers Association. He was a Lutheran and a member of the Melbourne Elks Lodge.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon A. Overly of Salt Springs, Fla., and Carole R. Mericle of Salkum, Wash.; a sister, Cleo Harris of Angola; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth.

Arrangements were made by Davis Funeral Home, Melbourne. Memorials are to Hospice of Health First, West Melbourne, Fla.

Lorene Alcoke

AUBURN — Lorene A. Alcoke, 85, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, at 8:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett.

She worked in the Florsheim Shoe Factory in Chaffee, Mo., retiring in 1980, and was a former Auburn resident.

She was born July 31, 1915, in Clarence, Mo., to Weaver S. and Lottie E. (Williams) Asmussen. They preceded her in death.

She married Dareld E. Alcoke on Oct. 21, 1934, in Brookfield, Mo. He died Dec. 29, 1988.

Surviving her is one sister, Bettie Curtiss of Auburn.

A sister, Allene Otey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be Saturday in Union Park Cemetery in Chaffee, Mo.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Chaffee, Mo.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Marie E. Christlieb, 93, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LIGONIER — Elmira Catherine Eberly, 83, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Sunday in Wawaka Church of the Brethren with calling there 3-7 p.m. Saturday.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Oct. 5, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Carol Johnson

LEO — Carol A. Johnson, 54, died today, Oct. 5, 2000, at 1:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

She lived in Leo and was a secretary for KPMG of Fort Wayne. She was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn.

She was born July 28, 1946, in Auburn to John W. and Marie L. (Kepler) Shoudel. Her parents survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Todd R. Johnson of Leo; one daughter, Tracy M. Hart of Columbia City; and one brother, Larry J. Shoudel of Rochester, Ill.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Virginia Heinrich

FREMONT — Virginia M. Heinrich, 83, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Heinrich enjoyed playing euchre, pinocchio and bingo.

She was born May 3, 1917, in Garrett to Arlo E. and Burtella F. (Evans) Ballentine.

On Feb. 19, 1936, in Covington, Ky., she married John G. Heinrich, who preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John G. and Judith Heinrich III of Wading River, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Vyann Nicholson of Riverhead, N.Y., John G. Heinrich IV of Wading River, N.Y., and Suzann R. and Mark N. Heinrich of Fairfax, Va.; and two great-grandchildren, Amber and Jessica Nicholson.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Virgil Brames

PLEASANT LAKE — Virgil C. Brames, 69, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Brames was an assembler at International Harvester and retired in 1985. He also worked in the Tri-State University maintenance department and retired in 1991.

A Korean War veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a past commander of Angola American Legion Post 31. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

He was born Aug. 24, 1931, in New Haven to Clement and Mary (Ternet) Brames.

On May 3, 1975, he married Margaret (Cimbal) Brames. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles and Ivan Brames, both of New Haven; and three sisters, Rita Martin of New Haven, Louise Sekel of Woodburn and Sister Theresa Ann Brames of Campbellsport, Wis.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jerome "Jerry" Brames.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials may be made to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Marie E. Christlieb, 93, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

TOPEKA — Cornelius M. "Neal" Yoder, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Ora L. Miller residence, 4425W — 300S, Topeka. Calling today and all day Friday in the family home, 2570S — 500W, Topeka.

The Evening Star, Fri., Oct. 6, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Mari Collins

FREMONT — Mari L. Collins, 43, of Fremont, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, in Fremont.

Mrs. Collins was a teacher at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn and was employed at Gettig Pharmaceutical Instrument Co., Angola.

She was a 1998 graduate of Taylor University, Fort Wayne, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. She was a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and was a Sunday school teacher there. She was active in many church organizations.

She was born Oct. 27, 1956, in Angola to Morris and Edwina (Fair) Collins, who survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Barton Collins, Brett Collins and Todd and Sharrid-dee Collins, all of Fremont.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Patsy Johnsonbaugh

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Patsy Lee Johnsonbaugh, 71, died early Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at the Laurels of Defiance. She had been a patient there since June 26, 1995.

Mrs. Johnsonbaugh formerly lived on Perry Street in Hicksville.

She was retired from Universal Tool Co. in Butler, Ind., where she worked for more than 15 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Hartford City, Ind., and attended the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

She graduated from Muncie High School in Indiana in 1946 and attended Ball State University in Muncie.

She was born Jan. 31, 1929 in Muncie, Ind., to Glen and Ruth Thornbro Perdue.

She married Richard Johnsonbaugh at Muncie in 1950. He died Oct. 18, 1985.

Surviving are one son, Robert Johnsonbaugh of Hicksville; three daughters, Cathy McNamara of Auburn, Janet Chipman of Hamilton and Judy Banks of St. Joe; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. Pastor Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home tonight after 6 and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times).

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter.

Walter Walzer

HUDSON — Walter J. Walzer, 81, of Hudson, died at 8:35 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, in his home.

He was born April 3, 1919, in Kentland to James and Mary (Geise) Walzer. On Oct. 14, 1944, he married Victoria Romanek. She survives.

Mr. Walzer, a graduate of South Side High School, retired from Zollner Pistons Corp. when he was 62. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake.

Also surviving are two sons, Jack Walzer of Westport, Calif., and James Walzer of Fort Bragg, Calif.; a brother, Frank Walzer of Bluffton; two sisters, Helen O'Brien of Orange, Calif., and Barbara Pelon of Pennsylvania; and three grand-

children, Tatiana Walzer and Gustav Walzer, both of Westport, and Katherine Walzer of Fort Bragg.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church with the Rev. Conrad Schweibold officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Masses to St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church.



Collins



Deaths/Funerals

Eleanore Knauer

AUBURN — Eleanore L. Knauer, 86, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at 10:20 a.m. at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Knauer was a teacher for the DeKalb Central United School District, retiring in 1983. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 103, the Retired Teachers Association, Ladies of the Elks, and American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary, all in Auburn.

She was born July 20, 1914, in Willard, Ohio, to Charles and Elizabeth (Snyder) Smith.

She married Roger C. Knauer on April 16, 1936, in Portland, Ind. He died in 1980.

Surviving her are one son, Roger "Skip" Knauer of Angola; two daughters and one son-in-law, Barb and Roger Wessel of Auburn, and Susan L. Whetstone of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mildred Rothchild of Canton, Ohio; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.



Knauer

Esquire Slone

ASHLEY — Esquire Slone Jr., 66, of Ashley, died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after suffering a heart attack while conducting church services in Ashley.

He lived in Kentucky the past year and was an Ashley resident for several years.

Mr. Slone was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonburg, Ky., and a lifetime Baptist minister.

He was born March 6, 1934, in Martin, Ky., to Esquire and Isabelle (Sparkman) Slone.

On Aug. 21, 1969, he married Dorothy Collins in Clintwood, Va. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 1995.

On Oct. 9, 1999, he married Mary Wells in Prestonburg, Ky., who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeffrey Slone of Prestonburg, Ky., and David Slone, of Ashley; six daughters, Terease Hyden, Sheila Hopson, Crystal Meyers and Lindsay Waltz, all of Ashley, Dedra Fidel, of Newberry, Ohio, and Tracy Krachech, of Garden City, Mich.; a brother, William Slone, of Garrett, Ky.; a sister, Willadean Henager, of Wayland, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Connie Shahabidi, of Amherst, Ohio, and Kathy Haycook, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; a step-son, Raymond Wells, of Cardington, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Buddy Jones and Pastor Paul Slone officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake. Graveside services will be conducted by the Orland American Legion.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mildred Brown Fleck

ORLAND — Mildred L. Brown Fleck, 86, of Orland, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fleck was retired from Sturgis-Newport Business Forms. She was a member of Orland United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Ashley Order of Eastern Star 229 and a lifetime member of Orland American Legion Post 423 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 9, 1914, in Vistula to George and Myrtle (Starrett) Bloss.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Craig Brown and Samuel Fleck.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharry and Jerry Graham of Fort Wayne, two sisters, Margaret Brumsey of Bronson, Mich., and Katherine Fuller of Orland; a sister-in-law, Betty Kellett of Orland; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Orland United Methodist Church, Orland, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

An Order of Eastern Star Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Orland United Methodist Church.

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3. The third section examines the archaeological evidence for human evolution. It discusses the use of tools and the development of technology as indicators of cognitive and behavioral changes. The authors explore the role of social organization and cooperation in the evolution of modern humans.

4. The fourth section discusses the role of environmental factors in human evolution. It examines the impact of climate change and the availability of resources on the development of human societies. The authors argue that a better understanding of the environment is crucial for interpreting the evolutionary process.

5. The fifth section concludes the paper by summarizing the key findings and discussing the future directions of research in human evolution. The authors emphasize the need for continued collaboration between different scientific disciplines to advance our knowledge of our species' origins.

6. The first part of the paper describes the methods used to collect and analyze the data. It details the excavation techniques and the laboratory procedures for dating the fossils and the artifacts. The authors provide a thorough account of the data collection process, ensuring transparency and reproducibility of the results.

7. The second part of the paper presents the results of the analysis. It includes a detailed description of the fossils found, their morphology, and their estimated age. The authors also present the results of the genetic analysis, showing the relationships between the different samples.

8. The third part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings. It compares the results with previous studies and discusses the broader context of human evolution. The authors highlight the significance of the discovery and its contribution to the field.

9. The fourth part of the paper provides a conclusion and a summary of the main points. The authors reiterate the importance of the study and the need for further research. They also provide a list of references for further reading.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Eloise Cook

ROCHESTER — Eloise L. Cook, 86, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at 1:55 a.m. at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Cook was a homemaker. She had been a resident of the LifeCare Center of Rochester for four years, and previously lived in her home in Rochester. She lived most of her life in Fulton County.

She was a member of Jordan Baptist Church in Argos.

She was born Sept. 30, 1914, in Richland Township of Fulton County to Clayton and Sarah O'Brien Mow.

She married Eldrith W. Cook on April 24, 1935, in Richland Township of Fulton County. He survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Richard Nier of Angola, Anne and Loy Mork of Rochester, and Helen and Richard Holiday of Peru; one son and daughter-in-law, Loyd and Dolly Cook of Sun Prairie, Wis.; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Wilma Foltz of Rochester; and a brother-in-law, Elmer Cook of Warsaw.

Her parents and a sister, Ruth Cook, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th St., Rochester. Pastor David Dittman will officiate. Burial will be in Richland Center Cemetery, northwest of Rochester.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Glenn Canter

PIERCETON — Glenn C. Canter, 56, of Pierceton died at his residence Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at 7:43 p.m.

Formerly of Ligonier, Mr. Canter moved to Pierceton three years ago. He was a former

deputy sheriff in Noble County and in Washtenaw County, Mich., and was a member of the American Legion in North Webster. He also was a Vietnam War veteran and a U.S. Army Green Beret staff sergeant with P.O.W. status.

He was born July 5, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Gerald and Helen (Thedie) Canter. His father survives in Dexter, Mich. He married Marilyn Delimeter in Toledo, Ohio, on Dec. 3, 1976.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Christina Lewis of Ligonier and Sandra Smith of Auburn; two sons, Don McCreary of Pierceton and Chuck McCreary of North Webster; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother.

Private services are scheduled.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Don Slone

LIGONIER — Don Slone, 48, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, in the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Mr. Slone had been employed at Weather Head of Angola and Star Craft of Goshen and was a U.S. Marine recruiter. He was a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ and the Ligonier American Legion Post 243. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, serving in Vietnam.

He was born June 26, 1952, in Rensselaer, to Corbet and Sophie (Gibson) Slone.

Surviving with his parents are two daughters, Terra Rafliff and Allison Slone, both of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, LaDonna and Larry McConahay of Stroh, Betty and Billy Ray Tuttle of Hudson and JoAnn and Ronald

Spade of Angola; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Mike McDonald and the Rev. Bill Slone officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, with military graveside services performed by the Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Nancy Strowmatt

GARRETT — Nancy Strowmatt, 66, of Garrett, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at 9:11 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Burgettstown, Pa., to Stewart and Nancy Bonner. She married William Strowmatt on June 17, 1950, in Imperial, Pa. She was a homemaker and lived in LaOtto from 1966 to 1995, when she moved to Garrett.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Jerry and Kathy Strowmatt of Avilla, William and Judy Strowmatt of Mesa, Ariz., Garry and Darla Strowmatt of Churubusco, and Tim and Susan Strowmatt of Mishawaka; one daughter, Karen and Jim Perry of Strabane, Pa.; three sisters, Wilma Cross of Weirton, W. Va., Phyllis Rudy Watson of Burgettstown, and Carol Albert of Pittsburg, Pa.; 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and two brothers, Stewart Bonner and Clyde Bonner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home.



Deaths/Funerals

Dr. Robert Kolb

ANGOLA — Dr. Robert J. Kolb, 81, of Angola, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2000, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Born in Angola, Dr. Kolb was a podiatrist in Angola for 45 years, retiring in 1989. He served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Haines, Fla., and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

He belonged to the Angola Rotary Club, American Legion Post 31 of Angola, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, Scottish Rite, and the Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne.

He served for many years on the Steuben County Board of Zoning Appeals.

He was born Sept. 23, 1919, to Arthur and Josephine (Martin) Kolb.

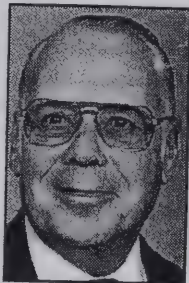
His first wife, Aileen Kolb, preceded him in death Nov. 14, 1996.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Suzanne Kolb of Munster; a daughter, Kathleen E. Kolb of Fort Wayne; a stepson and his wife, Jim and Diana Spoolstra of Bloomington; a stepdaughter, Judy Quance of Angola; a brother, Dr. Burton A. Kolb of Sun City, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis and the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center.



Kolb

Patricia Frye

AUBURN — Patricia J. Frye, 61, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Frye was a homemaker in Auburn. She had worked as a nurse's aide at several area hospitals and as a hostess-cashier at Richards Restaurant in Auburn.

She was born June 19, 1939, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Charles L. and Helen M. (Mote) Flora.

She married Lawrence Frye on June 30, 1956, in North Manchester. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons, a daughter-in-law and companions, Douglas and Dawn Frye of St. Joe, Richard Frye and his companion, Jody Warstler, of Waterloo, Brian Frye of Waterloo, and Dennis Frye and his companion, Joan Dohner, of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodie and Christopher Botteron of Manitowoc, Wis.; a brother, the Rev. Bruck Flora of Toney, Ala.; a sister, Marilyn Robbins of Lafayette; and 10 grandchildren.

Three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Grace Platt

GARRETT — Grace Marie Platt, 88, died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2000, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. She had been ill for four years.

She was born March 31, 1912, in Blackcreek County, Ohio, and lived in Churubusco before moving to the Mongo-South Milford area. She was married to Clyde Platt, who died June 12, 1979.

Mrs. Platt was a homemaker and cafeteria worker for 15 years at Concordia Theological Seminary. She retired in 1972. She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and Ladies' Society. She was founder of the Happy Quilters Club of the Food and Clothing Bank in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ruth J. Geiger of Auburn, and Joyce A. and Jacob Fulk of Churubusco; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rex D. and Sharon Platt of Angola, Roger A. and Judy Platt of Fort Wayne, and Don J. and Joann Platt of Columbia City; two brothers, Harold Snyder of Columbia City and Wilson Snyder of Decatur; 21 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Wendling, in 1965; one sister, Edith Adams; and four brothers, Boyd, Ralph, Bob and Winfred Snyder.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the South Milford United Methodist Church in South Milford with her grandson, the Rev. Mark Hambrock of the Spencerville United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at South Milford United Methodist Church.

Preferred memorials to the Happy Quilters Club or the Food and Clothing Bank in LaGrange.

James Pingry

ANGOLA — James O. Pingry, 79, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2000, at St Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pingry was a retired truck driver and also worked for Tyden-Brammall in Angola for 10 years. He was a pilot and 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a 50-year member of Angola Masonic Lodge 78, a 32nd-degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and a Teamsters member.

He was born April 19, 1921, in Winchester to Hubert and Ruth (Kinsey) Pingry.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine, of Angola; two sons, Larry of Celina, Ohio, and Steve of Angola; and a daughter, Kathy Thomas of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

ORMAS — **Earl Anthony Thompson**, 43, died Saturday in a traffic accident in Noble County. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia city, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

ROME CITY — **Hilda M. Grey**, 88, died Sunday. Services at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there two hours before services. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Rockport.

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Deaths/Funerals

Stanley Heath

HAMILTON — Stanley L. Heath Sr., 91, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2000, in his Hamilton home.

Mr. Heath was a gear cutter and quality control inspector at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years until his retirement in 1961. He was a member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Order of Eastern Star and Hamilton Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 11, 1909, in Toledo, Ohio, to Frederick and Gladys (Gnagy) Heath.

He married Dora Agnes Snyder. She died Jan. 4, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Seiben of Waterford, Wis., and Madilyn Troike of San Marcos, Calif.; one son, Stanley Heath Jr. of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. A Masonic service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Robert Hanes

HAMILTON — Robert Lyle Hanes, 84, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2000, at his daughter's home in Rome City.

Mr. Hanes was an electrician at Hanes Electric for 19 years. He lived in Hamilton and formerly in Leesburg, Fla. He was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton Masonic Lodge F.&A.M., Order of Eastern Star, Lions Club and International Order of Odd Fellows.

He was born Jan. 4, 1916, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Fred B. and Ethyl (Oberlin) Hanes.

He married Marion Onalee Klinkel on Sept. 4, 1936, in Hamilton, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David F. and Linda Hanes of Valparaiso; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbie and Victor Nantz of Rome City, and Onalee Ann and William Coburn of St. Joe; one sister, Mary Jane Griffith of Hamilton, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A great-grandson, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Hospice of LaGrange County.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Evelyn Ione Barnes**, 91, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — **Robert C. Blackshire**, 47, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 4-7 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul DePew

GULF PORT, Miss. — Paul R. DePew, 82, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at 11 a.m. in his summer home at Conneaut Lake, Pa.

Mr. DePew was a farmer in Avila until 1959, when he moved to Gulf Port, Miss. He was a U.S. Army engineer in the Pacific theater during World War II.

He was born Nov. 23, 1918, in Corunna to Herman and Helen (Carteaux) DePew.

Surviving him are his wife, Donna; two sons, Edward and Charles, both of Gulf Port; one

daughter, Regina Skinner of Columbus, Ga.; a stepdaughter, Char Vance; six sisters, Hermine Meyer of Avilla, Marjorie Johnson, Dolores Mueller and Anne Hoeffel, all of Garrett; Connie Englert of Auburn, and Josie Flesch of Ossian.

He was preceded in death by two wives; one son, Gregory; one brother, Donald; and one sister, Gwenivere Meyer.

Memorial services will be held Oct. 28 in St. Joseph Parish in Gulf Port.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roger Davis Williams, 87, of Harlingen, Texas, died Sunday in Harlingen. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Cemetery, North Salem, Ind., with calling from 5-9 p.m. today at Porter Funeral Home, North Salem.

Deaths/Funerals

Eva Krafft

ANGOLA — Evelyn S. Sawvel Krafft, 88, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000, at 5:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Krafft was the former owner of the Coffee Cup in Butler and had worked many years at Walgreen's in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 2, 1912, in DeKalb County to William and Sara (Greenfield) Rollins.

Her husband, Roy Sawvel, died in 1976.

Surviving are five sons, Dale and Don of Fort Wayne, Sherman of Orient, Ohio, Vern of Angola and Lonnie of Leesburg; two sisters, Edna Haffner of Butler and Rosa Krantz of Auburn; 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Maynard, preceded her in death in 1999.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Randy Marshall of the Angola Church of the Nazarene and the Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Feed the Children Fund at the Nazarene churches of Angola or Butler.

Steven Berryhill

ANGOLA — Steven A. Berryhill, 45, formerly of Angola, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2000, in Arkansas.

He was born on May 31, 1955, in Kendallville to Arnold and Hazel Berryhill. On Dec. 17, 1977, he married Sandy Albright in Centreville, Mich. She survives.

Mr. Berryhill was a graduate of DeKalb High School and in 1986 he graduated from I.T.T. in Fort Wayne. He worked for both WFFT Channel 55 and WKJG Channel 33 television stations for several years. He was a woodcarver in Angola before moving to Arkansas and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Other survivors include his mother and stepfather, Hazel and Waldo Henderson of Angola; his father and stepmother, Arnold and Ruth Berryhill of Kendallville; a stepson, Chad Bragg of Wolcottville; one stepgranddaughter; two sisters, Brenda DeRosia of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Sue Mihollin of Angola; four stepbrothers, Albert Henderson of Orland, Bill Henderson of Orland, Carl Henderson of Angola, and Dan Weirich of Huntertown; and one stepgranddaughter.

Private memorial services will be held on Sunday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, with Rev. James Toole officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

James Warstler

MESA, Ariz. — James F. Warstler, 67, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2000, at 8 p.m. in Mesa, Ariz., after a 5 1/2-year battle with cancer. He was a former Butler resident.

Mr. Warstler was born Oct. 25, 1932. He married his first wife, Kathleen M. Fogle, on June 25, 1950, and she died March 3, 1996.

He married his second wife, Carol, in March 1998 and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Debbie Miller of Butler, Sandy Miller of Spencerville and Pam Mason of Auburn; a son, Randy Warstler of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren.

A granddaughter, Amanda Price, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Christ Church in Butler, with calling after 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Neely Hospice on Elliot Street, Gilbert, Ariz.

Claudia Haberkorn

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Claudia Jean (Bentley) Haberkorn, 65, died Sept. 27, 2000, at her home in Winter Park, Fla. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the winter of 1996.

Mrs. Haberkorn graduated from Shinglehouse High School in Pennsylvania in 1953 and attended Wheaton College in Illinois before transferring to the State University of New York at Buffalo. After earning a degree in education, she began teaching in 1961 at Catskill, N.Y.; then at Bellmont, N.Y., before joining the faculty at Allegany Central School in Pennsylvania near her home in Olean, N.Y. She taught there for 20 years before being forced into disability retirement in 1985, due to a back injury suffered at school.

She also did volunteer work with young people in Chicago tenements and in Buffalo during her college years. She did volunteer work in spousal abuse in Orlando, Fla., for a time after moving to the area in 1993.

She was born April 3, 1935, in Shinglehouse, Pa., as the only child of William and Dorothy E. (Joans) Bentley.

She married Theodore Haberkorn of Winter Park, a former St. Joe resident, on June 17, 1995, and he survives.

Also surviving are three stepsons, David Karl Haberkorn of Fort Wayne, Philip Edward Haberkorn of Auburn, and Mark Theodore of Orlando.

A fourth stepson, Michael Ross Haberkorn, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at Guenther Funeral Home, in Olean, N.Y., with the Rev. Scott Larson officiating.

Graveside interment services will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Allegany Cemetery.

A memorial service was held Oct. 3 at St. John Lutheran Church in Winter Park.

Memorials are to the church or to the Olean Public Library in Olean, N.Y.

Alice Linthicum

SIDNEY — Alice Rose Sutton Linthicum, 68, was pronounced dead at 6:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2000, in the emergency room of Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, where she was taken after collapsing at her home in Jackson Township, Kosciusko County.

She was born March 16, 1932, in Wells County to Ralph and Clarice (Johnston) Shady. Her first marriage

was to Richard Sutton and they spent their married life in Rome City. He was electrocuted on June 30, 1960. On Aug. 8, 1964, she married Roscoe Linthicum and for the past 35 years they have lived in the South Whitley and Sidney communities. He preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1987.

Mrs. Linthicum grew up in Tocsin and Craigville and was a graduate of Ossian High School. She had been employed as a Q.M.A. at the Grace Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake for several years and have previously worked at the Mason Health Care Center in Warsaw and the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. She was a member of the South Whitley Church of God.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard and Dawn Sutton of Auburn, Dennis Sutton of Claypool, Robert Sutton of Paullina, Iowa, Jeff and Becky Sutton of South Whitley, and David and Tanya Linthicum of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Joseph Adams of Warsaw; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brother and a sister.

Services were at 11 a.m. today in South Whitley Church of God with the Rev. Brent M. Williamson officiating. Burial was in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials are to South Whitley Church of God.

Funeral arrangements are by Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley.

Herbert Wertman

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Herbert W. Wertman, 72, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2000, in the evening at Rose Arbor Hospice.

Mr. Wertman had lived in Kalamazoo, Mich., since 1955. Before his retirement in 1992, he worked at Eaton Corp. for 19 years and St. Clair Design for eight years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was a member of the American Legion and Eagles, Moose and Elks lodges.

He was born Feb. 18, 1928, in Auburn to Albert and Lucille (Hallauer) Wertman.

He married Mary Ann Kula on Aug. 7, 1982, in Portage. She died May 10, 1997.

Surviving him are two stepsons and their wives, Scott and Aime Haring of Downers Grove, Ill., and Jeff and Joan Haring of Edina, Minn.; two grandchildren, Adam and Emma; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Allegra Stackhouse, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Portage Chapel, at 411 E. Centre Ave., Kalamazoo, with the Rev. Priscilla McDougal officiating. Burial was in Mount Ever-Rest Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Rose Arbor Hospice.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **LeRoy "Roy" Mishler**, 98, of Topeka died Wednesday. Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with calling there 3-7 p.m. Friday.

SYRACUSE — **Mae C. Rinker**, 95, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

George Armstrong Sr.

AUBURN — George S. Armstrong Sr., 75, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000, at 6:38 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Armstrong lived in Auburn. He retired in 1983 from the U.S. Postal Service, after serving as postmaster in Waterloo and St. Joe.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club. He was an active volunteer for the past eight years at the Good Samaritan Center.

He was born Nov. 3, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Arthur Lee and Mabel Naomi (Baer) Armstrong.

He married Lois Saylor on Sept. 1, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Marsha Armstrong, George and Nan Armstrong, and John and Sandy Armstrong, all of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Winebrenner of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Marian Slain, and three brothers, Paul "Curly" Armstrong, Arthur "Lee" Armstrong and Wayne Danke, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 2 p.m. Doug Barber and Thad Smith will officiate.

Memorials are to the Good Samaritan Center.

Russell Williams

BETHESDA, Md. — Russell C. Williams, 82, died of cancer Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000, in his home in Bethesda, Md.

Mr. Williams was a pioneer in the development of rehabilitation techniques for blinded veterans and the first Chief of Blind Rehabilitation for the Veterans Administration.

He was born Feb. 19, 1918, in Auburn to Grace and Mark Williams.

He was a 1936 graduate of Auburn High School, where he was active in track, football and basketball. He was a 1941 graduate of Central Normal College of Indiana and taught school one year before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. He was permanently blinded while serving in the 83rd Infantry Division in northern France.

After rehabilitation, he served for 2 1/2 years as counselor and teacher in the Army Blind Rehabilitation Program at Valley Forge in Phoenixville, Pa.

He met his wife, Jean Riley, in Phoenixville and they were married in 1945.

He was appointed to establish and direct the first blind rehabilitation on Feb. 20, 1948, at the Veterans Administration at Hines VA Medical Center in Illinois.

In 1959 he was appointed the

first chief of blinded rehabilitation serves of the VA in Washington, D.C. During his tenure, he piloted the establishment of blind centers in Palo Alto, Calif., and West Haven, Conn., and three clinics in Tacoma, Wash., Waco, Texas, and Northampton, Mass.

He published papers in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Ophthalmology, Journal of Physical Medicine and other publications. He lectured at San Francisco State University, University of Minnesota, University of Denver, Syracuse University, Boston College and Western Michigan University. He received a doctor of humanities degree from Western Michigan University for his work in developing blind rehabilitation education in the United States. He was also a member of several boards of directors for blindness organizations.

He was honored as the Blinded Veteran of the Year in 1953 by the Blinded Veterans Association, and with the AMVETS National Rehabilitation Award in 1955, the Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee Award in 1973, the VA Exceptional Service Award in 1975, the Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind in 1986, and the Shotwell Award in 1994 from the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Clark, Mark, Riley and Peter, and seven grandchildren.

One son, Paul, and two sisters, Betty Gray and Merle Lowther, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday in Bethesda United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

DAVENPORT, Fla. — Glenn Hazelton, 62, formerly of Kendallville, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000. Services and burial will be in Haines City, Fla.

Terry L. McDonald

Auburn — 1946-2000

Terry L. McDonald, 53, of Auburn, a Vietnam War Air Force veteran, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2000, at home.

The Loon Lake native worked at Halex Corp. in Hamilton and was formerly employed at Intel in Arizona. Surviving are his wife; a daughter; a son; his mother; a brother; and two grandchildren. Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road. There is no calling. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.



Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

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Deaths & Funerals

Ross Gramling

ASHLEY — Ross A. Gramling, 84, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He worked for 19 1/2 years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, then worked for Essex Corp. in Auburn. After that he worked for East Auburn School until his retirement in 1986.

He was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendent for 15 years; DeKalb County Farm Bureau, for which he was a township chairman four years; and the Smith Township Advisory Board.

He was a member and director of the Heimach Center, Auburn, and a former member of the Grange Lodge.

He was born Aug. 4, 1916 in Steuben County to Rollin and Edna (Chadwick) Gramling. On April 1, 1945, he married Violet Getts, who preceded him in death June 7, 1960. On March 12, 1961, he married Dora Steury, who preceded him in death Jan. 9, 1993.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lamar Gramling of Hicksville, Ohio, and Craig and Kathy Gramling and Kevin and Pam Gramling, all of Auburn; two daughters and two sons-in-law, LaDonna and Don Farrington of Ashley and Carma and Bob Gaier of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Stackhouse of Corunna; nine grandchildren, Lynette Dudash, Nicole Henderson, Joel Gramling, Chad Gramling, Alicia South, Rachel South, Jack Gramling, Cooper Gramling and Ross Gramling; three stepgrandchildren, Torie Bonsack, Bryan Gaier and Karla Beasley; and one great-grandchild, Clark Henderson.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Evelyn Ellasser.

Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Ashley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church.

Carlos Johnson

ELKHART — Carlos Johnson, 60, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, at his residence on B-Drive in Elkhart following a brief illness.

He was a farmer in LaGrange for many years. An avid hunter and fisherman, he was a member of Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart.

He was born June 23, 1940 in Melvin, Ky. to Greenberry and Alice (Thornsbury) Johnson.

He is survived by his former wife, Judy Wyatt of Elkhart; his fiancée, Laura Poarch of Elkhart; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis C. Johnson, Christopher and Susan Johnson and Barry E. and Dawn Johnson, all of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Richard Rayner of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Barbara and Ray Caudill and Ruby Huffman, all of Elkhart, and Carol and James Tucker of Otisville, Mich.; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Grover and Paula Johnson of Walkerton, James and Bonnie Johnson of Elkhart, Delno and Rose Ann Johnson of Cassopolis, Mich., Virgil and Stacia Johnson of Bristol and Sylvester and Shirley Johnson of Jones, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wendy Sue Johnson; a brother, Lloyd Johnson; and a sister, Margalee Johnson.

Services are Monday at 1 p.m. at Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart with Ray Caudill of Central Church of Christ, Plymouth, officiating.

Cremation will follow the services.

Calling is two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mary Shumny

KENDALLVILLE — Mary L. Moore Shumny, 98, of Kendallville, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2000, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and formerly of Albion.

She was born in Ghent, Carroll County, Ky. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Surviving are two great-nieces and two great-nephews.

Services were Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill Chapel, Kendallville. Burial was in Tomlinson Cemetery, Muncie.

Arrangements were made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Evelyn Brewer

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn Brewer of Fort Wayne, 85, formerly of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, in Byron Health Center.

Mrs. Brewer was a homemaker and an accomplished singer and pianist, with experience in radio performing. She also composed and published two hymns and was an active hospital volunteer.

She was born Feb. 14, 1915, in Olney, Ill., to Arlie and Laura (Sanderson) Grigsby.

She married Carlton Brewer, who preceded her in death on April 23, 1950.

Surviving are three daughters, Martha Brown of Kendallville, Nancy Concus of Pleasant Lake and Carol Hagewood of Fremont; a son, Bill Brewer of Tacoma, Wash.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Dinger, two sons, Gerald and Carlton John Brewer, a brother and two sisters.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Winamac Cemetery in Winamac, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating. There will be no calling. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Petrie

CHURUBUSCO — Catherine Alice Petrie, 75, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker. Her husband, Eldor Carl Petrie, died in 1992.

Surviving are eight daughters, Diane Myers of Albion, Marie Cupa of Fort Wayne, Barbara Winkleblack of Florida, Peggy Winkleblack of Kentucky, Karen Hays of Auburn, Debra Cochran and Linda Pickett, both of Churubusco, and Myrna Petrie of Columbia City; a son, Richard of Albion; a sister, Ruth Ann Hively of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m. today at Calvary Baptist Church, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements by Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Ross Gramling

ASHLEY — Ross A. Gramling, 84, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Gramling worked for 19 1/2 years at McCray Refrigeration, then worked for Essex Corp. in Auburn. After that he worked for East Auburn School until his retirement in 1986.

He was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendent for 15 years; DeKalb County Farm Bureau, for which he was a township chairman four years; and the Smith Township Advisory Board. He was a member and director of the Heimach Center, Auburn, and a former member of the Grange Lodge.

He was the recipient of the Older Hoosier of the Year award from the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

He was born Aug. 4, 1916, in Steuben County to Rollin and Edna (Chadwick) Gramling. On April 1, 1945, he married Violet Getts, who preceded him in death June 7, 1960. On March 12, 1961, he married Dora Steury, who preceded him in death Jan. 9, 1993.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lamar Gramling of Hicksville, Ohio, and Craig and Kathy Gramling and Kevin and Pam Gramling, all of Auburn; two daughters and two sons-in-law, LaDonna and Don Farrington of Ashley and Carma and Bob Gaier of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Stackhouse of Corunna; nine grandchildren, Lynette Dudash, Nicole Henderson, Joel Gramling, Chad Gramling, Alicia South, Rachel South, Jack Gramling, Cooper Gramling and Ross Gramling; three stepgrandchildren, Torie Bonsack, Bryan Gaier and Karla Beasley; and one great-grandchild, Clark Henderson.

He was preceded in death by a half-sister, Evelyn Ellasser.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Ashley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Wanda Freeze

LIGONIER — Wanda J. Freeze, 88, formerly of Ligonier, died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at Goshen General Hospital following a brief illness.

She had been a resident of Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse for the past two years.

Mrs. Freeze was born April 24, 1912, in Illinois to Charles and Essie (McCullough) Johnson. She was first married to Robert Baker, who died, then to Ernest Freeze, who also preceded her in death.

She had lived in Ligonier for 50 years, moving there from North Webster. She recently moved to Syracuse.

Mrs. Freeze had worked in production at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 32 years. She was a member of the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cromwell and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion auxiliaries. She held offices in both of those auxiliaries. Also, she was a member of the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary.

Surviving are one daughter, Bette Schlotterback of Syracuse; one granddaughter, Deb Peterson of Goshen; two grandsons, Randy Gingerich of Bloomington and Kirby Schlotterback of Tacoma, Wash.; six great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. A brother, Norbert Johnson of Ashley, also survives.

A son, Charles Richard Baker, and a brother, Herbert Johnson, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Donna Glazier and the Rev. Deb Peterson officiating. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery, North Webster.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cromwell.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — Clifford Emrich, 94, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Deaths/Funerals

James Walb

LAGRANGE — James A. Walb, 65, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walb was retired from his work as a machine repairman for Auburn Gear in Auburn. He moved to LaGrange from Kendallville in 1958. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 17, 1935, in Mount Vernon, Wash., to Arthur and Ardith (Henline) Walb. They preceded him in death.

He married Iona M. Emerick on Feb. 28, 1958, in Stroh and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deborah Walb of LaGrange and Linda Lotfi of Stroh; one sister, Julieann Reed of Edmonton, Ky.; one brother, David Walb of California; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pisgah Cemetery of rural LaGrange, with military graveside services conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Daniel Ransom

AUBURN — Daniel S. Ransom, 84, died Saturday, Oct. 14, in his Auburn home.

Private services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Brian Ferrell

STROH — Brian S. Ferrell, 24, of Stroh, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000, at 10 p.m. at his mother's home.

He was born in Kendallville on Nov. 25, 1975, to Walter Johnson, who died in 1988, and Connie (Bolen) Messer, who survives in Wolcottville.

Mr. Ferrell was a construction worker and a veteran of the military.

On Nov. 15, 1997, he married Nicole Davis, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Brianna Ferrell of Wolcottville and Abigail Ferrell of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Walter Joseph Johnson and Roy Johnson, both of Hindman, Ky.; one stepsister, Rebecca Gibson of Hindman; and three nephews, Michael Ferrell Jr., Kyle Joseph Ferrell and Austin Slone, all of Wolcottville.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Calling is today after 3 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Memorials may be made to his children.

Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Clifford Emrich**, 93, died Sunday at his home near Huntertown. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

LIGONIER — **Lura A. McLallin**, 104, died Saturday in Ligonier. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Kimmell United Church of Christ. Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marjorie E. Abbott**, 68, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. today at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

WOODBURN — **Harold Edwin Karlstad**, 78, died in Osseo, Wis. Services will be held Saturday in Osseo.

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Bienz

ORLAND — Richard Erwin "Dick" Bienz, 62, of Orland, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne resident most of his life, Mr. Bienz retired as a powerhouse operator for General Electric in 1995 after 30 years of service. He also worked part-time for years at the fish hatchery in Orland.

Mr. Bienz was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the New Hope Christian Center Church in Waterloo and the Orland American Legion post.

He was born Aug. 26, 1938, to Lester Erwin and Ida Belle (Holmes) Bienz.

Surviving are his wife, Judith Ann (Frederick) Bienz, in Orland; a daughter, Renee Lynn Kohne of Sunrise, Fla.; four sons, Richard Erwin Bienz II of Fort Wayne, Ronald Lee Bienz of Fort Wayne, Floyd Lester Bienz of Ashley and Scott Robert Bienz of Fort Wayne; a brother, Garl Herbert Bienz of Phoenix; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Bienz, and a sister, Gwendolyn Lou Swenson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Bob Pauley officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Brian Ferrell

STROH — Brian S. Ferrell, 24, of Stroh, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000, at 10 p.m. at his mother's home.

He was born in Kendallville on Nov. 25, 1975, to Walter Johnson, who died in 1988, and Connie (Bolen) Messer, who survives in Wolcottville. His stepfather, Lonnie Messer, also survives.

Mr. Ferrell was a construction worker.

On Nov. 15, 1997, he married Nicole Davis, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Brianna Ferrell of Wolcottville and Abigail Ferrell of Auburn; a brother, Michael Ferrell Sr.; two stepbrothers, Walter Joseph Johnson and Roy Johnson, both of Hindman, Ky.; one stepsister, Rebecca Gibson of Hindman; and three nephews, Michael Ferrell Jr., Kyle Joseph Ferrell and Austin Slone, all of Wolcottville.

Services were today at 1 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial is at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Memorials may be made to his children.

Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Vollick

ORLAND — Margaret J. Vollick, 93, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2000, at St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren, Mich.

Mrs. Vollick was an elementary school teacher. She taught for a total of 43 years in Orland, St. Clair and Detroit.

She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church and also attended the First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

She was born Aug. 2, 1907, in Orland to James and Anna (Crow) Jennings. She married F. Roy Vollick in 1940. He preceded her in death in 1972.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Dennis Gates of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.; five grandchildren, Michael, Jeffrey, Robert, Kevin and Dennis Gates; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Orland Congregational Church with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

DeLoss Parsell

ANGOLA — DeLoss C. Parsell, 75, of Goshen, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2000, at Carriage Manor, Goshen. He was a former resident of Angola.

Mr. Parsell was a self-employed mechanic. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a life member of the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born May 11, 1925, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Louis and Audra (Hecklor) Parsell.

On July 6, 1968, he married Glendora Parsell. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Rick Parsell of Aurora, Colo., and Kenneth Parsell of Lino Lakes, Minn.; a daughter, Cheri Bontrager of Middlebury; a stepson, Edward Smith of Battle Creek, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Bonnye Stayner of Angola; two sisters, Dorothea Fisher of Angola and Lois Maugherman of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with military graveside services at Flint Cemetery conducted by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Barbara Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Barbara L. Johnson, 64, died Monday, Oct. 16, 2000, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson was a service representative for Indiana Bell for 20 years, retiring in 1981. She enjoyed camping and craft painting. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and its sanctuary choir.

She was born March 24, 1936, in Angola.

Surviving are her husband, William E. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Vicki Lomont and Julie Lothamer, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Julia Gouveia of Muncie; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to the Messiah choir or Arkansas Cancer Research Center.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Oma Lee Starr, 76, died Tuesday in Goshen. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Calling will be there from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Oct. 19, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Oster

GARRETT — Raymond Oster, 89, died Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, 2000, at DeSota Manor Nursing Home in Arcadia, Fla. He had been ill three months.

He was born May 7, 1911, in Corunna to John Henry and Winfred (Johnson) Oster.

Mr. Oster was postmaster at Corunna, retiring in 1978 after 28 years. He was a life member of Kendallville Elks Lodge, secretary/treasurer of NAPUS (National Association of Postmasters), and a member and director of the Indiana chapter for two years.

On July 20, 1929, in Defiance, Ohio, he married Mary Marjorie McCullough. They were married for 71 years. They wintered in Florida for 21 years and lived there full-time since the spring of 2000. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Richard Kutzner of Auburn; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Larry Dean Oster, preceded him in death in 1991. Three sisters also preceded him in death.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ in Garrett with Mr. Oster's grandson, the Rev. Dennis Kutzner, and the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Beulah Pant

LAGRANGE — Beulah M. Pant, 86, of Harrisburg, Ark., and formerly of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000, at St. Bernard Hospital in Jonesboro, Ark.

She was born Aug. 22, 1914, in LaGrange County to William and Savilla (Kunce) Coney, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Pant was a homemaker who lived in Fairborn, Ohio, from 1939-1966 and in LaGrange from 1966-1999.

On March 4, 1939, she married Henry T. Pant, who died in 1967. A son, Harold Freed, also preceded her in death in November 1997.

She is survived by three sons, Donald D. Freed of LaGrange, Henry W. Pant of Fairborn, Ohio, and Morris A. Pant of Harrisburg, Ark.; one sister, Ida Wells of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Katheryne J. Hill**, 70, formerly of the LaGrange area, died Tuesday in Coosa Valley Medical Center in Sylacauga, Ala. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with calling Friday from 5-8 p.m..

LAGRANGE — **Edith P. Kerns**, 95, died Wednesday at the Life Care Center in LaGrange. Services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with calling 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

LIGONIER — **Mary E. Johnson**, died Thursday at her residence in Warrenton, Ill. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

The Evening Star, Fri., Oct. 20, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Marianna Shull

WATERLOO — Marianna Shull, 64, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in her home at Waterloo.

She worked as a cook at Richards restaurant in Auburn, then as a finisher at American Finishing in Waterloo. She was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 16, 1936, in Garrett to Harry and Vernice (West) Cramer.

Surviving are two sons, Steven Shull of Texas and Scott Shull of Kendallville; three daughters, Susan Wineland and Shannon Koch, both of Butler, and Sandra Kinzer of St.

Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, William Cramer of Cleveland, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

A grandson, Alex William Kinzer, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Butler Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Paul A. Patton will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorial are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Ransom

AUBURN — Daniel S. Ransom, 84, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Ransom was the former owner of the Spencerville Elevator and formerly owned the Party Shop in Butler. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Concord Lodge 556 and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 7, 1916, in Lake County, Ill., to A.E. and Blanche (Kirk) Ransom.

He married Alma (Bartell) Ransom on Sept. 11, 1938, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Eddie Allen Ransom of Avilla; Roger Lee Ransom of Kimmell, Dennis Kay Ransom of Auburn and Curtis J. Ransom of Spencerville; a daughter, Cheryl Ann Clark of Auburn; a brother, James Ransom of Coeur D'alene, Idaho; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in White City Cemetery, Spencerville. There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Lucille M. Magnuson**, 89, died Thursday in Ligonier. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier, with calling 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Paul H. Gross**, 71, formerly of Columbia City, died Wednesday at his home in Naples, Fla. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, with a Columbia City F&AM No. 189 service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Calling also from 2-5 p.m. Monday.

The Evening Star, Sat., Oct. 21, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond G. Kurtz, 77, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at 9:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kurtz was an outstanding golfer and a devoted fan of Notre Dame sports. He was the former owner of Kurtz Florists in Kendallville, and worked in sales after retiring from the floral shop.

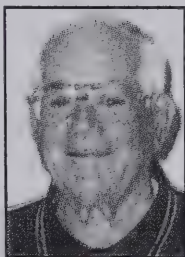
He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific theater. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Masonic and Elks

lodges in Kendallville. He was a past exalted ruler of the local Elks. He belonged to Faith United Methodist Church of Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Kendallville to Cecil and Marie (Sweet) Kurtz.

He married Arlene Yeagley in Kendallville on Dec. 2, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are twin daughters and a son-in-law, Karol Kurtz and Karen and Jeff Pyle, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, David Ray Kurtz and Betsy Rodecap-Kurtz of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Ross and Sally Kurtz of Fowler; and six grandsons, David Jon Kurtz of Auburn, Andrew Kurtz of Chicago, Kyle Mavis of



Kurtz

Kendallville, Daniel Kurtz of Auburn, and Bradley Pyle and Adam Kurtz, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, Robert and Dean, and a sister, Jeanne Milbourn.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole and the Rev. James Bartlett will officiate.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Donald Bahls

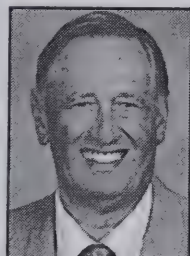
KENDALLVILLE — Donald E. Bahls, 70, died at 8:22 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, at Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Bahls was born Aug. 5, 1930, in Kendallville, to Ernest and Flossie F. (Rauh) Bahls. On Nov. 28, 1951, in Corunna, he married Eva Kimmell, who survives in Kendallville.

He retired from the maintenance department of Kraft Foods in 1992

and was also a farmer. He was a 1948 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mr. Bahls was a member of Zion Lutheran Church West Fairfield where he was an elder.



Bahls

Surviving also are one daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Mike Potter of Ashley; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven and Vicki Bahls of Leo, James and Lynn Bahls of Garland, Texas, and David of Angola; one sister, Bea Nichols of South Milford; four granddaughters, Jessica Bahls and Emily Bahls of Leo, Carmen Weber of Auburn and Kristen Bahls of Garland, Texas; two grandsons, Jeremy Bahls of Leo and Zachary Potter of Leo; and two great-grandchildren, Reid Weber and Bailey Weber, both of Auburn.

One sister, Margaret Bassett, preceded him in death.

Services will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Al Wingfield and Vicar Doug Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Church West Fairfield cemetery.

Calling is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and an hour before services Monday at the church.

Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Norma Burkhardt

STROH — Norma J. Burkhardt, 68, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burkhardt was born Aug. 28, 1932, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Richard and Norma (Zook) Baker. On Nov. 26, 1955, in Angola, she married Leo Burkhardt. He died April 20, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. Burkhardt of Hudson and James L. Burkhardt of Stroh; two sisters, Beverly Richardson of LaGrange and Madonna Baker, unknown address; two brothers, Robert Baker of Cromwell and Howard Baker of Ligonier; and one grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Thomas Baker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Stroh Church of God, Stroh, with the Rev. F. Sally Jury officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Fred Lucas

FREMONT — Fred A. Lucas, 75, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lucas was born April 4, 1925, in Chicago, Ill., to Fred A. Lucas Sr. and Grace H. Lucas.

He had been an engineer with the B & O Railroad.

Mr. Lucas was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post and the Elks Lodge, both of Port Charlotte, Fla., and of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Lindstam of Jacksonville, Fla., and Joyce Spoerlein of Brinster, Ill.; one son, Fred Lucas III of Fremont; and five grandchildren.

One brother, Donald O. Lucas, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne, handled local arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Beulah E. Sommers

FREMONT — Beulah E. Sommers, 88, of Fremont, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Sommers was an interior decorator and homemaker.

She was born June 12, 1912, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Manford H. and Julia (Ladd) King. In 1930, she married John L. Sommers in Fremont. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are one daughter, Mollie L. Dove of Fremont; two sons, Jerrie L. Sommers of Fremont and Dr. James K. Sommers of Dexter, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will follow in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Tedrik G. Bailey**, infant, died Thursday. Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at LaGrange Baptist Church. Calling is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the

Frederick J. Morse

Fort Wayne — 1903-2000

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Frederick J. Morse, 97, of Fort Wayne, first president of Tokheim Credit Union in 1943, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Garrett native retired from Tokheim Corp. in 1967 as vice president, and served as treasurer of Tokheim Athletic Association and director of Employees Association for 20 years. He was a member of Elks Lodge.

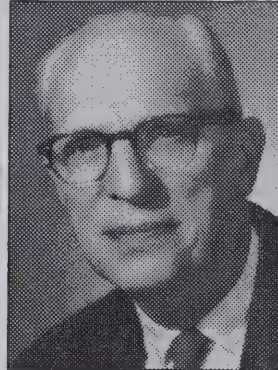
Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne Arick of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; a brother, James of Evansville; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death in January.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Information provided by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Chapel,
6424 Winchester Road,
424-1525.



The Evening Star, Mon., Oct. 23, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Bertha Stackhouse

AUBURN — Bertha A. "Bodie" Stackhouse, 85, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.



Stackhouse

She retired in 1981 as an executive secretary at Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She was the former secretary of the Auburn Country Club, now Greenhurst Country Club.

Mrs. Stackhouse was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Cook County, Ill., to Benjamin and Anna Johnson (Leifhelm) Schwartz.

Her husband, Preston E. Stackhouse, preceded her in death on June 13, 2000.

Surviving her are one son, Preston E. Stackhouse Jr., and his companion, Cathy Bewak, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Richard Houser of Kendallville; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Ernest Schwartz, and two sisters, Francis Schwartz and Mae Dionne, preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial is in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses or the church.

Everett McLaughlin

ANGOLA — Everett McLaughlin, 58, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at his daughter's home in Angola.

He was a construction worker and lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. His hobbies were fishing and auto racing, and he enjoyed auto mechanics.

Mr. McLaughlin was born April 10, 1942, in LaGrange County.

Surviving him are six daughters, Carol Fender, Virginia McLaughlin and Angela McLaughlin, all of Angola, Jennie Fender of Waterloo, Amanda Meyer of Decatur, and Loretta McLaughlin; three sons, Keith Hart and Scott McLaughlin, both of Waterloo and James McLaughlin of Garrett; five brothers, Richard E. McLaughlin, Danny McLaughlin, Rex McLaughlin, and Donald Bechtold, all of Fort Wayne, and Steven McLaughlin; two sisters, Gloria McLaughlin of Texas and Joyce Baker of Fort Wayne; and 19 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rex Hart; a brother, James McLaughlin; and a sister, Mary Lou McLaughlin.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial is in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Carol Fender.

Kristi Scott

ANGOLA — Kristi Ann Scott was stillborn Friday, Oct. 20, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Kristi was the daughter of Mindy Sue Payton and Shaun Lee Scott, who survive in Angola.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Rhonda and Nyal Chiddister of Fremont, Rick and Cindy Wells of Orland, and Mary Scott of Angola; her great-grandparents, Judy Moreno of Fort Wayne, Wayne and Arlene Wells of Orland, Rita Pelletier of Angola, and Elsie Scott of Terre Haute; and her great-great-grandparents, Ruth Trost of Tuscon, Ariz., and Asa Bellinger of Orland.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Wayne Scott.

Graveside services were held this morning at Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County, with Joseph Everly officiating. Arrangements were made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Bernard Christlieb

ALBION — Bernard A. Christlieb, 66, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at St. Joe Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

A native of Albion, he lived in Fort Wayne and was employed at Wastewater Management for 20 years before retiring in 1994. He was a U.S. Navy veteran involved in the Korean conflict, a member of VFW Post 857, and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan.

Mr. Christlieb was born March 18, 1934, and married Beverly A. Christlieb in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He is survived by two daughters, Dawn Lemke of Convoy, Ohio, and Vicki Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Virginia Lincoln of Fort Wayne and Janice Smith of Auburn; one brother, Kenneth Christlieb of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild and three step great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Son's Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with military graveside services. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE

— **Thomas J. Errington III**, 55, died Saturday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling 1-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

CHURUBUSCO — Herbert G. Rapp, 83, of Churubusco, on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

MARION — Earl W. Gates, 83, of Marion, died there Friday, Oct. 20, 2000. Services are 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Marion.



Deaths/Funerals

Ervin Felber

BERNE — Ervin Felber, 92, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2000, at 3:05 a.m. in Swiss Village in Berne.

Mr. Felber was a farmer and owner of Felber Machine Shop in Berne. He formerly lived in Auburn. He was a church elder, deacon and choir member at Grace Bible Church in Berne.

He was born Aug. 17, 1908, in Adams County to Emil and Leah (Arn) Felber. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Helen Spichiger on July 30, 1927, in Berne and she survives.

Also surviving are three children and one son-in-law, Dr. DeWayne Felber of Indianapolis, Sherrill and Gene Bradford of Auburn, and Nancy Kyler of Akron, Ohio; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Raymond, Menno and Homer, and three sisters, Bertha Koomler, Marie Felber and Irene Felber, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Swiss Village Chapel, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Michael Felber, the Rev. Chuck Circle and the Rev. Mark Felber will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at Swiss Village.

Memorials are to Swiss Village or Grace Bible Church.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, is in charge of arrangements.

Cleo Leiter

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo C. Leiter, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 21, 1913, in Noble County and had lived in LaOtto.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Cavalry and worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring in 1975. He was also a farmer in Noble and DeKalb counties. He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and the New Beginnings Church of God.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Glenn, Glade and Robert Leiter; and two sisters, Carrie Russell and Helen Thorne.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel, of Kendallville; two daughters, Rebecca Haaser of South Milford and Susan Svardahl of Elk River, Minn.; a son, Alan J. Leiter of Pasadena, Calif.; four sisters, Mary Peduto of Shelbyville, Gladys McNabb of Bridgman, Mich., June Hadley of LaOtto and Dorothy Martin of Kendallville; a brother, Ray Leiter of LaOtto; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and an hour before services.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Herbert G. Rapp**, 83, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with calling 2-8 p.m. today.

Lilah Belle Simon

Richardson, Texas — 1908-2000

Lilah Belle Simon, 92, of Richardson, Texas, and formerly of LaOtto, Ind., died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at Gardens of Richardson.

The Jefferson Township, Noble County, Ind., native was a homemaker, a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, Ind., its Ladies Aid Society and Swan Township Swanettes.

Surviving are a son, Neil of Wolcottville, Ind.; a daughter, Marilyn Mitchell of Richardson; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth F., a son, Keith A., and a brother, Thad Simon.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, Ind., with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown, Ind.

Memorials are to Noble County Heart Association.

Information provided by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, 1-219-897-3411.



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Deaths/Funerals

Cindy Myers

WATERLOO — Cindy S. Myers, 41, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2000, at 9:29 a.m. in a traffic accident on U.S. 6 east of Waterloo.

She moved to Indiana from Grand Haven, Mich., in 1990. She attended Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville and was an avid NASCAR fan. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was born April 23, 1959, in Grand Haven to Fay A. and Patricia (Lannin) George. They survive in Branch, Mich.

Also surviving her are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James L. and Crystal Miel Jr. of Albion, George A. and Lisa Miel of Grand Haven, and Barry J. Myers of Waterloo; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Debra and Robert Cook of Branch, and Wanda Bazany of Montague, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Tammy George of Tennessee; her grandparents, Esther Gehrke of Ludington, Mich., Edward Lannin of Summerset, Pa., and John George of Grand Haven; two grandchildren, Acacia Miel and Keenan Myers; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Two sisters, Chery Lin and Laura June George, and a grandmother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake, Mich., with Pastor Ken A. Shady officiating. Burial will be in Spring Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Wenzel Barto

FLINT — Wenzel Barto, 86, formerly of Flint, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, in Florida.

Mr. Barto was a farmer for 55

years. He was born March 16, 1914, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Surviving are four daughters, Millie Rupert of Colorado, Sandra Brook of Michigan, Angela Higbie of Alaska and Linda Chance of Missouri; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva M. Barton, on July 10, 1985.

Family graveside services will be held Friday at Block Cemetery, Steuben County. There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Retired Colonel **Louise A. Marshall**, 72, died Oct. 2 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Military funeral services were held in Texas on Oct. 9. Graveside memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. at Eden Cemetery, Topeka, Ind., on Saturday, with Joann Kaiser officiating.

LIGONIER — **Harold R. Swank**, 72, died at 11:41 p.m. Monday at home. Services Thursday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier, with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial in Oak Park Cemetery. Calling is today from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home.

CROMWELL — **Michael B. Reed**, 30, died at 11:05 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Hospital. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Ligonier Evangelical Church, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Burial in Oak Park Cemetery. Calling is 6-9 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Kay Williams**, 79, died Tuesday at the Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ormas Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael W. Allen officiating. Burial in Thorn Cemetery. Calling 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Doris I. Lewis**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Peggy V. "Margaret" Hoover
Del Ray Beach, Fla. — 1907-2000
Peggy V. "Margaret" Hoover, 93, of Del Ray Beach, Fla., a native of Ashley, Ind., died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000, at Boca Raton Community Hospital.

She had worked with a travel agency.

Surviving are sisters Maxine Peterson and Pauline Kurtz, both of Fort Wayne.

Graveside memorial services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, Ind. There is no calling.

Information provided by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, 432-2508.

Deaths/Funerals

Herbert Zelmer

AUBURN — Herbert Zelmer, 86, died today, Oct. 26, 2000, at 3:45 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.



Zelmer

Mr. Zelmer had lived in Auburn since 1938. He retired in 1974 from Rieke Corp. in Auburn as a general foreman, with 37 years of service.

He earned five diplomas in business from Purdue University, and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. He also was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and the Legion of the Moose. He held a life membership and fellowship degree in the Moose Lodge, and was named Moose of the Year. He was the founding president of the DeKalb County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was born Dec. 27, 1913, in Bismarck, N.D., to Gottlieb and Barbara (Craft) Zelmer.

He married Bernadine L. Werner on Oct. 25, 1941, in Auburn. She died Dec. 18, 1999.

Surviving him are two daughters and one son-in-law, Darlene Kay Carroll of Auburn, and Gloria Jean and Randy Duhamell, also of Auburn; one sister, Marie Siebel of Harvey, N.D.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Emil, Jack, Albert, Alvin and Robert; and two sisters, Lydia and Ida.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Vicar Gary Wagner officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mooseheart or First Step.

John Butler

WATERLOO — John Clyde Butler, 77, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Butler was a former employee of Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne, and retired from the DeKalb County

Highway Department. He was a 1941 graduate of Leo High School. He had lived in DeKalb County since 1956.

He was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Pulaski County, Ky., to Cecil E. and Lillian (Christian) Butler.

He married Marjorie N. Vian on June 4, 1949, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Paul J. and Marilyn Butler of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine D. and John Waddell of Fort Wayne, Lisa S. and Rick Woebbeking of Auburn, and Erin L. and Jim Magnuson, also of Auburn; two brothers, Lyle E. Butler of Carmel and Glenn A. Butler of Oneonta, Ala.; 10 grandchildren, Katie, Camille and Kirsten Woebbeking, Jason Barnhart, John Waddell, Janice Sutton, Eric Turner, and Jason, Noelle and Stuart Magnuson; and four great-grandsons.

One great-grandchild preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, rural Waterloo, with calling there after 9 a.m. Brian Wilcox will officiate, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church or the Sharon Turner Bacon Academy.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Osa Neeley, 75, died Tuesday at home. Services are Saturday in Kentucky, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Shelda Ford

HAMILTON — Shelda J. Ford, 85, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000, at 8:42 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ford was a school bus driver for Hamilton Community Schools for 15 years and retired in 1991 from the Max Platt Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Kendallville. He lived in Hamilton and was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He was born June 2, 1915, in Steuben County to Rollie and Cladie Ford.

He married Alta Bonecutter on July 26, 1934, and she died Aug. 6, 1982.

He married Katherine Rosenberry on July 4, 1987, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Dottie Ford of Catonsville, Md.; one daughter, Marlee Cheek of Butler; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Leora and David Dangler of Waterloo, and Joyce and Herb Zigler of Auburn; one brother, Dean Ford of Waterloo; four grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren, and one stepgreat-great-grandson.

One daughter, Joyce, one brother, one grandson, and one stepgrandson preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indiana Heart, in care of Lutheran Hospital, and the Northeast Indiana Kidney Dialysis Center of Auburn.

Paulina Hollinger

EDGERTON, Ohio — Paulina G. "Piney" Hollinger, 70, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at 12:45 p.m. in Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Hollinger was a homemaker and member of the Edgerton Church of Christ. She and her husband were 40-year members of the Card Club.

She was born July 21, 1930, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Martin E. and Gertrude L. (Hoover) Wisman. They preceded her in death.

She married Willard Hollinger on March 27, 1954, in Edgerton, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark of Edgerton and Blair of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jan and Tim Creager of Auburn and Elaine and Chris Bauer of Findlay, Ohio; three sisters, Margaret Schnittker of Perrysburg, Ohio, Charlene Sostoi of Montpelier, and Addie Ione Boucher of Bryan; one brother, Floyd E. Puffenberger of Hicksville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Justine and Jarrod Hollinger of San Jose, Calif., and Ryan, Brooke and Kaitlyn Creager of Auburn; and one great-grandchild, Zoh Savannah Hollinger of San Jose.

One brother, Richard Wisman, and one sister, Berneda Allshouse, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Saturday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the church or to the Arthritis Foundation.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Alene L. Pierson, 86, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, with the Rev. Diane Cusamano and the Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Calling is 4-7 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph F. "Cy" Simonis, 73, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior to services at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road

Harold Moore

AUBURN — Harold Moore, 69, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Moore was a factory worker at Foley Pattern Co., retiring in 1996 with 23 years of service.

He was born April 3, 1931, in Orkney, Ky., to Isom and Anna Moore.

He married his wife, Lou, on May 30, 1975, and she survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Terry White of Greencastle; two stepdaughters, Gail Nodine and Pam Dennison, both of Garrett; a brother, Sherman Moore of McDonel, Ky.; 10 stepgrandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Private graveside services will be held in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dutch Miller

AUBURN — Dutch Miller, 74, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and had worked for the Shenango Inc. steel mill for 30 years in Sharpsville, Pa. He was a former Auburn resident.

Mr. Miller was born April 8, 1926, in LaGrange to John and Kate Miller.

Surviving him are one brother, Val Miller of Sandy Lake, Pa.; and two sisters, Barb Miller of Kendallville and Amanda Repp of Montpelier, Ohio.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

ARCOLA — Maxine F. Tustison, 81, died Oct. 11 at Renaissance Village. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Arcola, with calling one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Cora Belle Dunn, 76, died Wednesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, and one-half hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Waddell

AUBURN — Patricia A. Waddell, 65, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Waddell retired in 1998 as a child care provider and was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

She was born March 18, 1935, in Chicago to Albert J. and Hazel (Nelson) Jaax.

She married the Rev. Dean Waddell Sr. on Dec. 27, 1953, in North Judson, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dean E. Waddell Jr. of Westminster, Md., and Daniel S. Waddell of Grand Junction, Colo.; three daughters, Rebecca A. Waddell of South Bend, Laura L. Cunningham of Elkhart, and Amy E. Dermott of Boynton Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Shirley E. Aring of Chicago Heights, Ill., Lorraine C. Nelson of South Holland, Ill., and Dorothy M. Milner of Knox, Ind.; her stepmother, Caroline Paston of Knox; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center, DeKalb Hospice or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mary Ruth Refner

AUBURN — Mary Ruth Refner, 79, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, at 8:55 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Refner was a homemaker. She and her husband owned and operated Refner Bait & Tackle in Auburn for more than 40 years.

She was born Aug. 19, 1921, in Garrett to Harl and Rhoda Brown.

She married Charles "Brick" Refner on Oct. 14, 1939, in Columbia City. He died April 20, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Toby and Kathy Refner, and Tom and Debbie Refner, all of Auburn; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Ludwig of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Barbara Brown of Stroh; seven grandchildren, Toby Refner, Christopher Refner, Kim Refner, Rick Ludwig, Tammy Ludwig, Matthew Refner and Stacy Refner, and one great-grandchild, Alexis Ludwig.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Delmar Brown and Harl Brown Jr., and two sisters, Edith Trusso and Ivadell Wills.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Callis is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Melinda Rybolt

COLUMBIA CITY — Services for Melinda Kay Rybolt, 19, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Miss Rybolt, a former Columbia City resident, died Monday evening, Oct. 23, 2000, of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Walnut Creek, Calif.

She moved to Walnut Creek last March. She was a graduate of Columbia City High School and attended Jefferson Center Elementary School. She was active in the show choir in high school.

She was born Aug. 11, 1981, in

Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her mother and stepfather, LeeAnn and Michael Richter of Columbia City; her father, Martin Rybolt of Walnut Creek; her brother, Eric Rybolt of Columbia City; two half-brothers, Zach Richter and Mitch Richter, both of Columbia City; her grandparents, Jerry and Shirley Griffith, and Chuck and Priscilla Foreman, all of Fort Wayne; and her stepgrandparents, Stan and Joan Richter of Auburn.

Hunter Keen

AUBURN — Hunter Lee Keen, 18 hours old, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, at 12:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 26, 2000, in the hospital to John B. and Cheryl (Dove) Keen of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are one sister, Lydia C. Dove, at home; the maternal grandparents, Terry Fike and Linda Fike, both of Auburn, and the paternal grandparents, John E. Keen of Auburn and Janice Rottger of Kentucky.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Lois Areleah Snowberger, 67, Ligonier, died Friday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Ligonier Church of Christ.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Barbara Townsend

ANGOLA — Barbara Jane (Viscardo) Townsend, 57, of Angola, died Friday morning, Oct. 27, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare in Angola.

She was a former resident of Virginia Beach, Va.

She was born April 4, 1943, in New Jersey to Samuel and Pearl (O'Grady) Viscardo.

She is survived by eight children, Jacqueline Ann Cox of London, Ohio, Joseph Michael Giaquinto of Knoxville, Tenn., Anthony John Giaquinto of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Lisa Lynne Penca of Blacksburg, Va., Brian Daniel Giaquinto of Christiansburg, Va., Rebecca Ann Munroe of Hamilton, Mark Timothy Townsend of Ozone Park, N.Y., and Shelly Robin Townsend of Angola; one brother, Frank Viscardo of Rockaway, N.J.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Laurie Ann Giaquinto, on June 16, 1965.

A memorial service will be held Monday at noon in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eric Stoops

will officiate. Interment in the Hamilton Cemetery will follow immediately.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m. to noon in the church.

Memorials are to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, New York, N.Y.

The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

(This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.)

Richard Krupa

LIGONIER — Richard P. Krupa, 54, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000, at 11 a.m. at his home.

He attended Remsen Central High School in New York and several technical schools for auto repair. He also attended military school with the U.S. Army.

He was born Sept. 23, 1946, in Remsen, N.Y., to Adolph F. and Mary (Sawiki) Krupa. His father survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Will Rownd of Canton, Ga.;

one sister, Nancy Kesterke, of Wawaka; two brothers, Jim Krupa of Utica, N.Y., and Roger Krupa of Cromwell; one grandson, Sumner Rownd; and six nieces and nephews.

A prayer service was held Saturday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Edward Whaley

LAGRANGE — Edward G. Whaley, 78, of LaGrange, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, at 5:40 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born Oct. 17, 1922, in Bluffton.

Mr. Whaley was a retired civil engineer and spent most of his life in LaGrange County, living at Lake of the Woods. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church.

His wife, Anne, preceded him in death in 1950.

Surviving are several cousins.

There will be no calling or services.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

The Evening Star, Mon., Oct. 30, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Floyd Landrum

FORT WAYNE — Floyd J. "Lefty" Landrum, 62, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked for Broadview Lumber Co. for 25 years, Waynedale Lumber Co. for 10 years, Ace Hardware for one year, and retired in 2000.

He was born Aug. 7, 1938, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving him are his wife, Car-

ol J. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Deborah Landrum and Diane Huffman, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Robert Landrum of Albion; two brothers, Richard "Butch" Landrum of Bridgeton, N.C., and Chuck Landrum of Auburn; one sister, Connie Teusch of Huntington; and three grandchildren.

One sister, Lorain Lechleitner, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Son Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Dahlstrom

CHICAGO, Ill. — Donald A. Dahlstrom died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000.

He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving him are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mark, Brian and Beata, and Scott and Jacqueline; one brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Helen; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Harold Adams, and Jean and Wendell Leinweiber; his former wife, Nancy; and many nieces and nephews.

St. Jude League services will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Malec and Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, with calling from 4-10 p.m. (Indiana time).



Keith DeVelbiss

WOODBURN — Keith J. DeVelbiss, 50, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2000, at 11:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. DeVelbiss was a maintenance mechanic for New Haven Depot. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. He was on duty with the National Guard for 11 years. He graduated from Gomer High School in 1968 and was a member of the Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans.

He was born March 21, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, to Joseph R. and Ruth (Good) DeVelbiss. They preceded him in death.

He married Debbie White on Oct. 5, 1991, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Eric DeVelbiss of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carrie DeVelbiss of Fort Wayne and Chassity Barger of Woodburn; two brothers, Terry DeVelbiss of Buckner, Mo., and Randy DeVelbiss of Lima; three sisters, Judy Ellis of Carlton, Ga., Becky Whipple of Lima, and Jackie Boyd of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans.

Leona Kessler

GARRETT — Leona J. Kessler, 93, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2000, in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker and worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its rosary society.

She was born Jan. 7, 1907, in Allen County to Frank and Catherine (Hornett) Adams.

She married John Kessler on Feb. 12, 1952. He died June 27, 1977.

Surviving her are a friend, Marylin Runion of Garrett; two stepsons, Willard B. Kessler of Auburn and Arthur Leon Kessler of Corunna; a stepdaughter, Joan Hall of Buena Park, Calif.; and nine stepgrandchildren.

Two brothers, John Adams and Frank Adams, and one sister, Agatha Clark, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 7-9 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held today at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph School.

Joan Bowman

AUBURN — Joan Bowman, 59, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2000, at 12:45 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Miss Bowman attended RISE in Angola. She had lived at Oak Meadows in Auburn since 1991.

She was born Nov. 5, 1940, in DeKalb County to Dale and LaVerne (Wolf) Bowman. Her mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sisters, Jean Shaffer of Auburn and Janet Rowe of Huntington.

Her father and a brother, Jerry Bowman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Gene Woolever will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, in rural Corunna.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter, Waterloo.

Area Deaths

MELBOURNE, Fla. — **Richard F. DeTar**, 84, formerly of LaGrange, died Tuesday at his home. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Calling is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

KENDALLVILLE — **Pearline Slone**, 73, died Saturday at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Calling is 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

MIDDLEBURY — **June Lantz**, 71, formerly of Goshen, died Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Kingston Care Center of Ligonier. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity Holiness Tabernacle Church in Goshen, with the Rev. Omar Lantz officiating. Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier assisted with arrangements.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lowell Edward Franks**, 59, died Sunday at his home. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Warsaw Wesleyan Church, with calling 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Country-side Funeral Home, Columbia City, and a half-hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Phillips**, 87, died Saturday at Whitely Memorial Hospital. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Columbia City Church of the Nazarene, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

William Weinert

AUBURN — William D. Weinert, 69, died Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:42 p.m. in Bon Secours Hospital in Venice, Fla.

Mr. Weinert lived in Auburn and spent winters in Venice. He was the owner of Weinert Inc., a tire company, and retired in 1986. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn. He was a member of the American Legion, Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge, all in Florida, and the Elks Lodge of Auburn.

He was a former board member of the YMCA in Auburn, a past president of the Auburn Lions Club, and a former Scoutmaster at Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was born May 18, 1931, in St. Joseph, Mich. His mother, Eva (Sweet) Weinert Yoquelet, survives in Deming, N.M. His father, William G. Weinert, preceded him in death.

He married Elizabeth Carper on June 10, 1951, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Dean Weinert of Fort Wayne; one sister, Jan Morton of Bryan, Ohio; and three grandsons, Christopher, Brent and Cameron Weinert, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling at the church after 1 p.m. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church.

Brenda Vogel

AUBURN — Brenda Sue Vogel died Monday, Oct. 30, 2000, at 11:41 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Keith Morton

BRYAN, Ohio — Keith Conrad Morton, 69, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000, in the evening at Dilworth Center of Montpelier, Ohio, after a short illness.

He was a buyer and seller of metals for Bryan Metals for 24

years. He also was employed by Webster Trading in Chicago for 12 years and with K&T Trading in Bryan.

He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in the 4930th Test Support Group. He was a member of First Brethren Church in Bryan, and organizer of Promise Keepers for a four-county area and Promise Keepers Huddle, and enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Morton was born May 21, 1931, in Bryan to Howard "Doc" and Arvilla Mae (Woodruff) Morton.

He married Thelma Dunlap on Aug. 2, 1954, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bruce H. Morton of Oak Park, Ill.; one daughter, Brenda Bigger of Williams Center, Ohio; one brother, Howard Morton Jr. of Auburn; two grandchildren, Shara Bigger of Defiance, Ohio, and Anthony Keith Bigger of Bryan; and one great-grandson, Anthony Michael Bigger of Bryan.

A sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in First Brethren Church in Bryan, with the Rev. H. Ray Aspinall officiating. Burial will follow in Brown Cemetery, Bryan.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Rice Funeral Home, Bryan.

Memorials are to Dilworth Center or the church.

Robert Kinsey

ANGOLA — Robert D. "Red" Kinsey Sr., 74, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2000, at 8:20 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a lead man at Dana Corp for 32 years, retiring in 1979, and also worked at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for 18 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Oct. 9, 1926, in Bluffton to Carl and Dorothea (Elzey) Kinsey. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife of 53 years, Barbara J.; four sons, Greg and Kevin Kinsey, both of Fort Wayne, Dennis Kinsey of Pleasant Lake, and Robert D. Kinsey Jr. of Angola; three daughters, Pam Bastian, Kelly Heath and Tina Parisot, all of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Max and Neil Kinsey, both of Markle, Paul Kinsey of Lady Lake, Fla., and Roger Kinsey of Greenwood; two sisters, Betty Urstel of Longville, Minn., and Jean Mossburg of Huntington; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mavis Doan, and two grandsons, Chad and Ronnie Kinsey.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Markle Church of Christ, 455 E. Morse St.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospital Oncology Center.



Wava Urbine

WARSAW — Wava D. Urbine, 83, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000, at Prairie View Healthcare in Warsaw.

She was the owner of Urbine Wreath Co. in Pleasant Lake and worked at McDonald's in Angola for several years. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born Oct. 25, 1917, in Rockford, Ohio, to Glen and Fannie (Shoup) Roop.

On June 17, 1944, she married Russell A. Urbine. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Larry Barnes of Phoenix; three daughters, Sharon Lowry of Warsaw, Carol Ford of Springfield, Ohio, and Marjorie Reeder of Sarasota, Fla.; a brother, Joe Roop of Pleasant Lake; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister, including Jack Roop, who died in 1955, and Bea Wiley, who died in 1993.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Jim Van Dorn officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with a prayer service conducted at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

Alma Brown

FORT WAYNE — Alma A. "Cookie" Brown, 79, died Sunday at Regency Place nursing home.

She was born in Van Wert, Ohio. She owned and operated Deer Park Tavern, retiring in 1980 after 14 years.

Her husband, Gerald J. Brown, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon M. Brososky of Fort Wayne; three sons, Jerry P. Brown of Drummond Island, Mich., and Larry A. and Terry L. Brown, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mable Heine of Wawaka, Elfie Oplinger of Angola and Martha Camp of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will take place in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials to Huntington's chorea research.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Marcella "Marcie" A. (Peters) Waters, 40, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Big Lake Church of God, with calling there 10 a.m. until services.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ruth H. Bayman, 79, died Monday at Renaissance Healthcare in Whitley County. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel, Fort Wayne. No calling.

The Evening Star, Wed., Nov. 1, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Wreath Jones

AUBURN — Wreath Laurene Jones, 71, died today, Nov. 1, 2000, at 3:33 a.m. in her Auburn home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Jones was born Feb. 25, 1929, in Auburn to Frank and Thelma (Mitchell) Muzzillo.

She married Robert E. Jones on July 3, 1953, in Toledo, Ohio. He died March 10, 1995.

Surviving her are one son, Robert A. Jones of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl and Jeff Ort of Syracuse, Ind., Sandy and John Armstrong of Auburn, and Rita Hibbeln of Auburn; three sisters, Yolanda Dietrich of Butler, Dorothy Peterson of Auburn, and Barbara Miller of Winton, Calif.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, James and Lee Muzzillo, and one sister, Hilda Dietrich, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Kyler Palmer

ANGOLA — Kyler Richard Palmer, age 2 months, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2000, in Angola.

He was born Aug. 23, 2000, in Fort Wayne to Paul R. Palmer and Shannon C. Minshall, both of Angola.

Surviving are a sister, Frannie Carpenter of Angola; his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Velma Keller of Three Rivers, Mich.; his paternal grandparents, Vernon and Carolyn Palmer of Fremont; and his paternal great-grandmother, Marie Brauer of Fremont.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Clair Pomeroy

AUBURN — Clair D. Pomeroy, 85, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2000, at 1:20 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

He retired in December 1980 from Rieke Corp. in Auburn and was a lifetime Union Township farmer. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Pomeroy was born Sept. 22, 1915, in Auburn to Samuel D. and Bertha Mae (Metcalf) Pomeroy.

He married Molly Watson on April 6, 1944, in London, England, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Warren Pomeroy of St. Paris, Ohio, and Jeffrey Pomeroy of Auburn; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Barry Pomeroy, and one brother, Donald I. Pomeroy, preceded him in death.

Private services will be held. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Hunter Matthew Lemon, infant, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital. Private family graveside services at Adams Cemetery, Whitley County.

COLUMBIA CITY — Evelyn N. Parker, 91, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Private graveside services at Jefferson Chapel Cemetery, Whitley County. No calling.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Nov. 2, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Brenda Fogle

AUBURN — Brenda Sue Fogle, 56, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2000, at 11:41 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Auburn and was a former employee of Fazoli's restaurant in Auburn. She attended the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 10, 1944, in Moundsville, W.Va., to Donald and Jeanette (Peabody) Lutes. Her mother survives in Moundsville and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are two sons, Eric T. Fogle of Arlington, Va., and Jeremy K. Fogle of Auburn; two brothers, Gary Lutes of Ohio and Brent Lutes of Moundsville; and her best friend, Barbara McBride.

One son, Craig Fogle, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family, in care of The Auburn House Restaurant.

Harry Keuneke

FORT WAYNE — Harry Keuneke, 79, died at 6:22 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1920, to Otto and Helen (Bedinghaus) Keuneke in Mount Healthy, Ohio. He retired in 1975 from International Harvester after 34 years.

Surviving are his wife, Jean F.; two sons, Bruce A. and Dale E., both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Howard of Auburn, William of LaGrange and Roland and Karl, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Evelyn Bener of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials to Cancer Services of Allen County or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Myrtle Kohl

AUBURN — Myrtle M. Kohl, 88, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2000, at 8:15 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Kohl was a secretary for several years, working for the Auburn Automobile Co. and Wayne Pump Co. She owned the Moore Country Store with her husband for several years. She was a homemaker and member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Oct. 26, 1912, in Auburn to Merritt and Luella (Rohm) Sockrider.

She married DeLoss Kohl on March 24, 1940, in Roanoke. He died in 1999.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Ruth Kohl of Bushnell, Ill.; one daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Richard Dunn of Waterloo; one sister, Wanda Allen of Holt, Mich.; one stepbrother, Howard Miller of Auburn; a half-brother, Don Sockrider; two half-sisters, Kay Nyholt and Gladys Baldrige; seven grandchildren, David, Debra, Daren, Michelle, Stephanie, Ashlee and Becky; and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth Sockrider, her parents and her stepfather, Ben Miller, preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ken Stirratt and Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Area Deaths

GLENVIEW, Ill. — **Helen Steckley Mack**, 85, formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday in Glenview. Services will be held Saturday in Wilmette.

KENDALLVILLE — **Edmund N. Martin**, 75, died Wednesday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services will be Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, with calling Friday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — **Roberta J. Robson**, 90, former journalist and women's editor at The Journal Gazette, died Sept. 28, 2000, in Albuquerque, N.M. No services or calling.

BOURBON — **Rev. Richard A. Urbine**, 80, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at home in Bourbon. Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., with calling 3-8 p.m. Friday and wake services at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donald L. James**, 76, died Wednesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Arrangements pending at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Shannon A. Groce**, 52, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Barbara L. Altimus**, 41, died at 3 a.m. Thursday at her home. Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling Saturday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m.

AVILLA — **Nevelyn A. Young**, 89, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, with calling Saturday from 2-6 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Karen M. Axel**, 62, died Thursday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donald L. James**, 76, died Wednesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert McCaskey

ORLAND — **Robert V. McCaskey**, 42, of Orland, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2000.

Mr. McCaskey was a retired sergeant first class in the U.S. Army, and he also worked at Meijer Inc. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Orland American Legion.

He was born Nov. 12, 1957, in Marion to Charles Robert and Mary Jane (Bowser) McCaskey.

Surviving are his wife, Dawn E. (Spangle) McCaskey, at home; a daughter, Shawna McCaskey, at home; a son, Robert E. "Bobby" McCaskey, at home; a brother, Michael McCaskey of Minnesota; and a sister, Susan McCaskey of Minnesota.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Dawn McCaskey.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Rose Meyer

FORT WAYNE — Rose Irene Meyer, 102, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at St. Anne's Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Meyer was an active member of the Civic Theater in Fort Wayne in the 1940s. She founded theaters in New Mexico and Arkansas and directed several plays during her time in those states. She was also a member of The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 11, 1898 in Adams County to Nicholas and Elizabeth (Shank) Wagner. She was married to Edward Meyer, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are one nephew, Stan Wagner of Auburn; three nieces, Patricia Hewitt of Fort Wayne, Donna Ball of West Virginia and

LaVon Bauer of Angola; several great-nieces and nephews including Cassandra Hippenhammer of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Fred Wagner, Wayne Wagner, Harry Wagner, Jim Wagner and Stanford Wagner; and one sister, Mary Schoenlein.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will follow in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Anne's Home.

Area Deaths

DECATUR — Evelyn R. Becker, 68, of Decatur, died Friday, Nov.

3, 2000. Prayer services 1:30 p.m. Monday in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. in Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Decatur. Burial will follow in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in rural Decatur. Calling 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

HOWE — Goldie I. (Gage) Hewitt, 88, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000. Services 11 a.m. Monday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe. Burial will follow in Sidner Cemetery, Howe. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Deaths & Funerals

Thomas Fraley

HAMILTON — Thomas Everett Fraley, 70, of Hamilton, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at his home.

Mr. Fraley worked as an electrician for many factories and private jobs. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army infantry during the Korean conflict.

He was born Oct. 12, 1930, at Cooney in Williams County, Ohio, to Rollie and Martha (Legge) Fraley.

He is survived by his mother; three brothers, Eugene of Wels, Australia, Deloy of Hamilton and Rolland of Ashley; four sisters, Clara Musser of Sylvania, Ohio, Martha Sallows of South Bend, Joyce Ice of Angola and Jan Myers of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, George and Louie.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. The Rev. Eric Stoops of the Hamilton United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Edon post of the American Legion will conduct military honor rites.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Catherine Bradley

FORT WAYNE — Catherine L. "Cathy" Bradley, 72, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bradley was born in Fort Wayne and a member of B'Nai Jacob Synagogue and Inner Light Ministries.

She married Edward Bradley, and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Pat Black of Fort Wayne and Kathy Chapman of Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, Ed Bradley of Wolcottville and Dan Bradley of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ellen Sechler

HUDSON — Ellen Rachel Sechler, 82, of Big Long Lake, Hudson, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Sechler lived on Big Long Lake for 25 years and retired as an eight-year school bus driver for Prairie Heights School Corp. in 1983. She was a homemaker and member of Harmony Chapter 67 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Trailblazers Snowmobile Club.

She was born May 22, 1918, in Whitley County to John H. and Edna (Mapes) McDuffee. She married W.R. "Mike" Sechler, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Parrish of Garrett; two sons, Jim of Fort Wayne and Ron of Big Long Lake; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with Pastor Dean Woolard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marjorie Zolman

AVILLA — Marjorie L. Zolman, 72, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at home.

A graduate of Huntertown High School, Mrs. Zolman was a lifetime area resident and retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville. She attended Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla.

She was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Ari, to George and Mable (Duglay) Smith. On Dec. 13, 1945, in Albion she married Guy Zolman. He preceded her in death Nov. 30, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Craig Ream and Diana and Doug Mynhier, all of Avilla, and Kathy and David Stoops of Butler; eight grandchildren, among whom are Michael Ream, Lynette Wagner, Candice Fisher, Tabatha Lash and Trent and Troy Mynhier; and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Howard Smith, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and from 10-11 a.m. at the church Tuesday.

Memorials are to the church.

The Evening Star, Mon., Nov. 6, 2000

Area Deaths

ALBION — Beverly J. Johnson, 75, died Saturday at Parkview-Noble hospital in Kendallville. Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling two hours before services.

Nov. 6 00 Maxine L. Peterson News-Sentinel

Fort Wayne — 1908-2000

Maxine L. Peterson, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

"She was a wonderful mother who loved her children and grandchildren."

She was a native of Ashley.

Surviving are her sons, Robert L. and Edward W.; daughters Myrtle DeVinney and Karen Hewitt; a sister, Pauline Kurtz, all of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George L., and a daughter, Phyllis J. Moran.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Information provided by Covington Memorial Funeral Home,
8408 Covington Road, 432-2508.

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Mary E. "Katie" Jubinville

Nov 6 00

Fort Wayne — 1913-2000

Mary E. "Katie" Jubinville, 87, of Fort Wayne, a homemaker, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000, at Englewood Health Care Center.

She was a native of Auburn.

Surviving are her daughters, Carolyn LeDoux, Gloria Brown, Karen S. Ramsey and Linda Lane; a son, James, all of Fort Wayne; sisters Kathryn J. Patterson and Joyce P. Woodring, both of Fremont, and Barbara A. Stewart of Atlanta; a brother, George E. Harris of Orland; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tennison; and a daughter, Janet Kummer.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

The Evening Star, Tues., Nov. 7, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Tremmel

ANGOLA — Mary Inez Tremmel, 92, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tremmel was an office clerk at Hutner's Paris in Fort Wayne until 1969; she worked for Penix Oil in Angola from 1969-77. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born Oct. 8, 1908, in Pontotoc, Miss., to Robert and Mary (Hyde) Johnson.

In 1929, she married Robert A. Tremmel. He preceded her in death on March 9, 1987.

Surviving are a sister, Eloise Gillespie of Columbia City, and several nieces and nephews, including Mary DeMera, with whom she made her home.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, J.V. Johnson, Carr Johnson and Herman Johnson; and three sisters, Margaret Sanders, Lylis Johnson and Estelle Johnson.

A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Jim Van Dorn officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

Area Deaths

WOODBURN — **Jeanne Weiberg**, 51, died Thursday at her home. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Wisconsin.

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Jordan

STURGIS, Mich. — Richard Edward Jordan, 73, of Sturgis, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2000, at Sturgis Hospital.

He was born Aug. 12, 1927, in Wolcottville to Lewis and Elsie (Smith) Jordan. He moved to Sturgis from Wolcottville in 1939. On March 20, 1948, he married Irene May Wallman at the Church of the Nazarene in Sturgis. He was a truck driver for Kirsch Co. for 35 years, retiring in August 1982.

Mr. Jordan was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II; a member of the Captain John J. Kelley V.F.W. Post 1355; the Neuman Wenzel American Legion Post 73; and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 574, all of Sturgis. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Fred White of Quincy, Mich., Laura and John Kay of Centreville, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Linda Jordan of Orland and Bruce and Linda Jordan of Sturgis; 10 grandchildren, Kenneth White, Krista Dell, Kevin White, Monica Jordan, Shawn Jordan, Melissa Jordan, Amy Kay, Andrea Kay, Lou Flugge and Gary Flugge; six great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Jordan was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters, Betty Lung and Evelyn Bowser; and two brothers, Carl and Earl Jordan.

Funeral services and a celebration of the life of Mr. Jordan will be held in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral

Home in Sturgis on Friday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. James Bender of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery with full military honors being conferred by Captain John J. Kelley V.F.W. Post 1355.

Calling will be at the funeral home 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Ethel Marie Vorndran**, 61, died Tuesday at her home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with calling Friday 4-8 p.m.

MONROEVILLE — **David V. Feeney**, 56, died Sunday in Allen County. Memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio, with calling 5-9 p.m. Thursday.

The Evening Star, Fri., Nov. 9, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Maryann Fike

AVILLA — Maryann L. Fike, 74, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fike was born in Avilla on March 24, 1926. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving are her husband, Glen L. Fike; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph H. Fike, Carl H. and Cynthia Fike, David W. Fike and fiancée Chris Porter, and Roy A. Fike, all of Avilla, and Philip J. and Vicki Fike of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda M. and Gary Love of Churubusco, and Ruth Ann and Kevin Richter of Albion; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Leo J. Teders, Herman E. and Harriet Teders, all of Avilla, and Henry C. and Shirley Teders of West Bend, Wis.; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Betty B. Teders, Alice and Bernard Meyer, Theresa and Francis Meyers, all of Avilla, Henrietta M. and Robert Harris of Churubusco, and Lucy E. and Mike Higgenbotham of Wolcottville; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

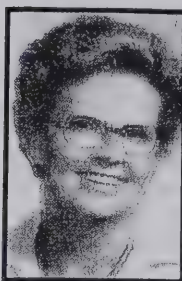
Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service Friday at 8 p.m. Additional calling is Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla.

Helen Utter

AKRON, Ind. — Helen Pike Utter, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at her home in Akron following a long illness.

She and her husband, Howard, founded Pike Lumber Co. with offices in Akron and Carbon, Ind. She graduated from Akron High School and studied at Manchester College until 1933, when she became the fourth generation of the Pike



Utter

family to enter the lumber industry. She is believed to be the first woman in Indiana to hold a timber buyer's license.

She was a founder of Akron's Psi Kappa chapter of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, a member of the Akron United Methodist Church, and a graduate of Indiana University's School of Business.

She married Howard M. Utter on Jan. 21, 1934, and he died Jan. 10, 1995.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Channing and Sandra Utter of Akron; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Bill Brown of Decatur, and Lynne and Joe Northrop of Huntington, a sister, Virginia York of Akron; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Akron United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Harold Leininger and his son, the Rev. Stephen Leininger, will officiate. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Hartzler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marion Minier

GOSHEN — Marion Minier, 82, of Goshen and formerly of Wawaka, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at 6:45 a.m. at his residence. He had been in failing health for several months.

He was born March 23, 1918, in Noble County to Albert and Mabel (Carper) Minier. He was a lifetime Wawaka resident until he moved to Goshen in 1997. He worked in construction, then at International Harvester for 15 years. He was a veter-

Minnie Zuber

GARRETT — Minnie L. Zuber, 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at 4:25 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Zuber was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and its Harvest House and Rosary Society. She had lived in Garrett for 57 years.

She was born May 10, 1911, in Richland Township to William E. and Laura B. (Raber) Harter.

She married Ray Sobraske on June 13, 1936, and he died in 1945. She then married Leo Zuber on May 10, 1952, and he died Jan. 19, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Walter Zuber of Fort Wayne and Joe Zuber of Durango, Colo.; two daughters, Mary VanWagner of Lake James, Angola, and Barb Erpelding of Phoenix, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, George Harter, one sister, Elva Fike, and one grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

an of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Rifle Association and Rome City American Legion.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven Minier of Sevierville, Tenn., and Tony and Cindy Minier of Hudson; one daughter, Karen Brita of Goshen; two brothers; Maurice Minier of Elkhart and Richard Minier of Goshen; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Varen Minier.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Mike Hamm officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling is Friday from 9-10:30 a.m. Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

James Isham

ROCKWOOD, Tenn. — James E. Isham, 67, of Clymersville Road, Rockwood, Tennessee, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2000 in Roane Medical Center, Harriman, Tenn. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Mr. Isham was retired from his work as foreman with Weikel Construction Co. and a was member of the Rockwood Baptist Tabernacle.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda "Granny" Isham of Rockwood; five sons and four daughters-in-law, James Victor and Reba Isham, Michael Joe Isham, Tony Eugene and Donna Isham, all of Rockwood,

Phillip Wayne and Dorothy Marie Isham of Whitehouse, Tenn., and Charles Henry and Michelle Isham of Clinton, Tenn.; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Vanessa Kay Isham, Susan Teasley, Annie and Randall Crabtree, and Donna L. Isham, all of Rockwood, and Pam and Bryan Coulter of Knoxville, Tenn.; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Henry Isham Jr. and J.C. Isham, both of Garrett; and Richard Isham of Rockwood; two sisters, Ellen Bolen and Linda Hicks, both of Garrett; his mother, Leona Isham Ditmar of Garrett; and a sister-in-law, Debbie Steele of Rockwood.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Isham.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Chapel of Evans Mortuary, Rockwood. The Rev. Louise Capp officiated. Graveside services and burial will be at a later date.

Dee Meadows

CROMWELL — Dee Lynn Meadows, 35, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000, at 7:06 p.m. at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. She was in failing health since May.

She was born Nov. 20, 1964, in Columbia City to Billy and Patricia (Young) Pontius. She lived in Whitley and Noble counties her entire life.

She married Randy Meadows on July 1, 1996, in Ligonier. He survives. She worked as group leader at Union Products International in Cromwell.

Surviving with her husband are her parents, Billy and Patricia Pontius of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Tim Wells of Orland; three nieces and one nephew; and a grandmother, Eleanor Pontius of Evening Shade, Ark.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Preston and Eva Young and Walter Pontius.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. William Bernauer officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial to the Lupus Foundation.

June Bischoff

ROME CITY — June K. Bischoff, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, in Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville at 9:14 a.m. She had been ill for one year.

She was born in Chicago on Dec. 4, 1920, to George and Asta (Kjaedebye) Shannon. She married Melvin Bischoff on Aug. 9, 1957, in Fort Wayne. She moved to Rome City from Fort Wayne in 1964. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Melvin Bischoff of Rome City; three sisters, Elsie Brandenberger of Fort Wayne, Carolyn Boggs of Bryant and Mary Beck of Grabill.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carledean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Friday from noon until services.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — C. Gene Sherrick, 69, died Wednesday at his home. Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the First Church of God, LaGrange, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Genieve Keller

BUTLER — Genieve Lenore Keller, 72, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. in her home on County Road 59, Butler.

Mrs. Keller had worked at the Basket Factory in Edgerton, Ohio, Necco Corp. in Auburn, Eagle-Picher Corp. in Ashley and at Meadowhaven Nursing Home in Butler for 3 1/2 years before retiring in 1984.

She was born Nov. 5, 1928, in Stafford Township to Harry and Zola (Beard) Ginder.

She married LeRoy Keller on May 31, 1947, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Beth Keller of St. Joe; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dr. Stephen Cole of Butler; three sisters, Viola Reinhart, Kathryn Betz and Irene Curry, all of Butler; and five grandchildren, Scott Keller, Jan Hulbert, Megan Keller, Brandylin Cole and Keith Cole.

One grandson, Bradley Keller, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

James Vance

LONDONDERRY, Ohio — James "Jim" Vance, 74, died Oct. 28, 2000, at 9:50 p.m.

Mr. Vance was an electrician at Mead, retiring in 1984. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, with most of his time spent in Hawaii. He was a volunteer fireman for Liberty Township Fire and Rescue for 27 years, serving as assistant chief for all that time. He donated many teddy bears to the Liberty Township squad to be used for children who had experienced trauma.

He was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Jackson County to Lester and Stella

Bryan Vance.

He married Betty Grover on June 1, 1947, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Pat Vance of Auburn, and Richard and Rachel Vance of Erlanger, Ky.; one brother, Rodman Vance of Jackson, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Monica Goodfellow of Sparta, Mich., Nathaniel Vance of Bellevue, Wash., and Stephanie and Elizabeth Vance of Erlanger, Ky.

One brother, Edgar Vance, and three sisters, Vera Seymour, Nancy Hatfield and Mary Brannan, preceded him in death.

Services were held Nov. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Fawcett Oliver Glass & Palmer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Fred Fox officiating. Burial was in Londonderry Cemetery.

Memorials are to Liberty Township Fire and Rescue, in care of Henry Riddle, or Londonderry United Methodist Church, in care of Mary McWhorter.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **David L. Sibert**, 45, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services Sunday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

AVILLA — **Catherine Steinacker Markin**, 85, died Wednesday at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services begin with prayers at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a vigil service at 8:30 p.m., and one hour before prayer service at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Sat., Nov. 11, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Nola Wyne

AUBURN — **Nola F. Wyne**, 88, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, at 10:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Wyne was a seamstress for Schaab's Department Store for 15 years and lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Feb. 23, 1912, in Summittville to John R. and Alta G. (Wright) Allman.

She married Charles E. Wyne on Jan. 30, 1931, in Muncie. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Lois Kelley of Fort Wayne, and Mary F. Bowman and Kay Warren, both of Auburn; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Three brothers, Charles, Ernest and Earl Allman, and one grandson, Joe Kelley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey, pastor of the

church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Ronald Carmer

FORT WAYNE — **Ronald Eugene Carmer**, 78, died Oct. 28, 2000, in Shreveport, La.

Born in Auburn, he retired from International Harvester after 39 years as a hoist operator. He was a World War II veteran and a life member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Surviving him are his wife of 53 years, Sylvia; one son, Jerry of Shreveport, La.; one brother, David of Bermuda Dunes, Calif.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosemead South Mortuary in Shreveport was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the ALS Association.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Joseph L. Ackerman Sr.**, 67, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, in Rome City.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in Rome City, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 381 Rome City. Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to American Legion Post 381 Rome City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Glen Hire**, 73, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, in Columbia City.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Oak Grove Compton Cemetery in Columbia City. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church building fund.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Arnold Olson

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold O. Olson, 83, of Kendallville, died Friday, November 10, 2000,



Olson

at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla after being ill for one year.

Mr. Olson was a retired Methodist minister and professor emeritus at Indiana University-Purdue

University, Fort Wayne. He received a bachelor of arts degree at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kan.; a bachelor of divinity degree at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; and a Ph.D. at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Mr. Olson moved to Kendallville from New York in 1967. He was a member of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He was born March 8, 1917, to John F. and Theresia (Liljestrom) Olson in Winburne, Pa. On June 10, 1945, he married Mary Louise Woodcox in Bellerose, N.Y. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Eric and Cathy Blyth Olson of Fort Wayne, Brent Olson and Carl Olson both of Kendallville; five daughters, Karin and Ron Johnson of Vermont, Kristini and Michael Murphy of New Hampshire, Wendy and Alain Fournier of Paris, France, and Sherri Olson and her husband Arthur Smith of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and one sister, Elsa Buckner, formerly of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to funeral services at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church or

Provena Sacred Heart Home van fund.

Helen Montgomery

KENDALLVILLE — Helen L. Montgomery, 83, formerly of Ashley, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000, at her daughter's home in rural Kendallville.

Mrs. Montgomery was a homemaker and lived in Ashley for 56 years before moving to her daughter's home in 1998. She was a 1936 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School.

She was born Sept. 6, 1917, in Steuben County to James and Edna (Thrush) Kelley. On Aug. 17, 1940, she married Rolland H. Montgomery in Angola. He preceded her in death on July 18, 1998.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Bonnie) Becker of Kendallville; one sister, Mrs. Lois Wilder of Pleasant Lake; and two grandchildren, Tammy Becker and Tim Becker.

Private services will be held at a later date. Burial will take place in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Tobe Graber

BRISTOL — Tobe D. Graber, 63, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000, at his home in Bristol after battling cancer for more than three years.



Graber

Mr. Graber was an over-the-road truck driver for Van Guard. He also had worked 15 years for ESI Meats in Bristol as a truck driver.

He was born Dec. 23, 1936, to Daniel and Katie (Hochstetler) Graber in LaGrange County. On May 7, 1996 he married Peggy Hanks in Gatlinburg, Tenn. She survives in Bristol.

Also surviving are one son, Tony Graber of Glenview, Ill.; one daughter, Mrs. William (Tina) Etter of Goshen; one stepson, Jeffery Morey of Bristol; one stepdaughter, Mrs.

Kenneth (Angela) Ottman of Cassopolis, Mich.; three brothers, Samuel Graber of Goshen and Milo and John Graber of Middlebury, four sisters, Mrs. Truman (Elizabeth) Schrock, Mrs. Vernon (Anna) Lambright, and Mrs. Melvin (Fannie) Mast all of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Ora (Ada) Nisley of Goshen; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Timm Graber; and two brothers, Levi and Melvin Graber.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Indiana time at the Mottville Bible Church, Mottville, Mich., with the Rev. Michael Bender officiating. Burial will follow in Mottville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. There will also be calling for one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

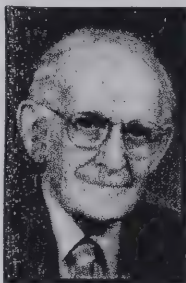
Memorial are to Elkhart General Hospital Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Kelso Davis

AUBURN — Kelso Davis, 93, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000, at 7:15 p.m. at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Davis lived in rural Auburn. He owned and operated the Davis Studio photography business in Auburn for 60 years before retiring in 1998 at the age of 91.



Davis

He also was a 60-year member of Rotary International, serving 38 years as secretary of the Auburn Rotary Club. Rotary honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow.

He belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, where he was a member of the Home-builders Sunday school class, served on the board of trustees and chaired the gifts and memorials committee.

Mr. Davis served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a technical sergeant fifth class. He belonged to American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He also served as an Auburn city councilman from 1942 to 1946.

He was born Feb. 22, 1907, in Marion to Charles and Nellie (Shugart) Davis.

He married Margaret (Henninger) Davis on June 16, 1934, in Adrian, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diane and John Manon of Auburn, Sherri and Gary Sible of St. Joe, and Loraine Hartranft of Brea, Calif.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and David May, Molly Manon, Kelly Hartranft, Kayleen and Jim Leonard, Aaron Hartranft, John Manon and Justin Manon, and two great-grandchildren, Bill Leonard and Katrina May.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Cecil, and two sisters, Alma Shugart and Mina Good.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the Good Samaritan Center of Auburn.

Geraldine Malcolm

GARRETT — Geraldine B. "Deanie" Malcolm, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, at 10:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Malcolm lived in Garrett and retired from Stanadyne, where she worked as a packaging employee. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and its rosary society, the St. Joseph School Mothers Club and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was a graduate of Garrett High School.

She was born Nov. 9, 1919, in Waterloo to Carl A. and Edith W. (Gaeb) Wetoskey.

She married Job H. Malcolm on Nov. 16, 1946, in Garrett. He died in 1959.

Surviving her are one son, James Malcolm of Auburn; three daughters, Barbara Morris and Norma Hull, both of Garrett, and Harriett Teders of Avilla; three brothers, Meinard Wetoskey of Fremont, Ohio, Carmen Wetoskey of Waterloo, and Carl Wetoskey Jr. of New Haven; three sisters, Sylvia Myers of Arizona, Berneice Graves of Port Clinton, Ohio, and Shirley Wetoskey of Garrett; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Virgil Wetoskey, one stepgreat-grandson, and one stepgreat-granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastors Thom Lombardi, Chuck Herman and Ray Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to be given to her favorite charities

Richard Brown

AUBURN — Richard R. Brown, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, at 1:45 a.m. at his Auburn home.

Mr. Brown took over his father's insurance business in 1948 and then worked with his son, Fred, at Brown & Brown Insurance until his retirement in 1980.

He was past president of Greenhurst Country Club and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge, Auburn Lions Club and Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born July 19, 1916, in Auburn to Herman L. and Marguerite (Wimer) Brown.

He married Mary Timberlin on Feb. 25, 1938, in Auburn, and she survives.

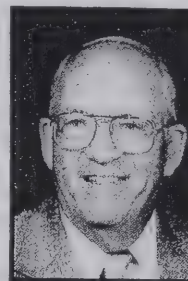
Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick and Gretchen Brown of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Dennis "Butch" Whittington of Auburn; one sister, Virginia Mixer of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; four granddaughters, Tracy Pepple, Kristen Rhoton, Jennfer Ward and Kelly Forrest; and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Bernard and Donald Brown, and one sister, Kathryn Gans, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library or Auburn Presbyterian Church.



Brown

Area Deaths

HINDMAN, Ky. — Corbett Lee Ritchie, 63, died Saturday at West Libery, Ky. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with calling after 6 p.m. today and at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Taylor Lancelot Chaffin, 1, died Saturday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services at 4 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday.

CHURUBUSCO — Carroll Harris, 79, died at Saturday at home. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Charles F. Hockett

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Charles F. Hockett, one of the last advocates of structural linguistics, an approach that was later surpassed by the work of Noam Chomsky, died Nov. 3. He was 84.

Hockett was one of the most prominent linguists of the post-World War II era, renowned for his meticulous analyses of languages ranging from Chinese to Fijian to Potawatomi.

Before he retired in 1982, Hockett was the Goldwin Smith professor of anthropology and linguistics at Cornell University. His many books included, "A Course in Modern Linguistics," which was the standard introductory work for nearly two decades.

Until the 1950s, structural linguistics was the field's chief methodology. It was closely tied to behavioral psychology, and viewed language as a social phenomenon.

But in 1957 a young linguist, Chomsky successfully redirected the course of the field from behavior to biology, with the argument language stems from an innate, universal cognitive faculty.

Hockett criticized Chomskyan linguistics, calling it "a theory spawned by a generation of vipers." Hockett viewed the theory as tearing language from its social context and rendering it sterile.

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Deaths/Funerals

Irene Husted

BUTLER — Irene Husted, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, at 8:20 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Husted lived in Butler and was retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co.

She was born Aug. 6, 1917, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Frank A. and Gertrude A. (Smith) Mack.

She married Roscoe A. Husted on Oct. 22, 1934, in Marion. He died Nov. 14, 1998.

Surviving her are four sons and three daughters-in-law, William and Linda Husted of Auburn, James and Judy Husted of Rock Hill, S.C., John and Sallie Husted of Rogers, Ark., and Rick of Butler; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patricia and Luther Collingsworth, Karen and Jack Blaker and Sharon McConnell, all of Butler, and Rita and Larry Purk of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Mildred Baker of Mishawaka and Leona Smith of Williams Center, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Richard Mack, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with a rosary service Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Area Deaths

HOWE — Barbara J. Mobley, 43, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Services Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — Tyrus A. Winebrenner, 73, died Sunday at his home. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday at Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and an hour before services at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Joan Smith

ANGOLA — Joan G. Smith, 83, of Angola, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2000, in Glastonbury, Conn.

She was a volunteer with the Red Cross Bloodmobile and swimming program and a lifelong member of the Angola First United Congregational Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday school for 25 years. She also belonged to Psi Iota Xi sorority, the Book Review Club and several bridge clubs, attaining the level of Senior Master in duplicate bridge.

She was born March 13, 1917, in Pleasant Lake to Weir and Lucille (Matson) Griffith.

In 1937, she married Fred Smith. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Fred G. and Dr. Kathleen Smith of Athens, Ga.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Bernard Chevalier of Manchester, Conn; a granddaughter and her husband, Erin and T.J. Woodcock of Harrodsburg, Ky.; a grandson and his wife, Trevor and Shelley Smith of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Mabel Bailey of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Natalie Griffith of Pleasant Lake; a brother-in-law, Harold Hagen of Beaver Falls, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews and their spouses, including Lynn and Richard Hickman of Angola, Steve Colbert of Fremont, Mary and Jack Mayhew of Beaver Falls, Pa., and Mike and Patty Hagen of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Naomi Lemon and Mary Jane Hagen, and a brother, Maurice Griffith.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Angola First United Congregational Church of Christ, with the Rev. Curt Plummer officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to the city of Angola's Memorial Tree Fund.

Doris Kennedy

GARRETT — Doris J. "Jeanie" Kennedy, 44, died Monday, Nov. 13, 2000, at 5:10 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kennedy was a homemaker and lived in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born March 31, 1956, in Garrett to Edward and Goldie R. (Crager) Vanderpool. Her mother, Goldie Sherman, survives in Auburn. Her father is deceased.

She married Steven Kennedy on Nov. 14, 1987, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kevin Kennedy of Garrett; two daughters, Jennifer Rowe and Amanda Kennedy, both of Garrett; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Penny and Don Sawyers of Garrett, and Diane VanHorn of Garrett; one granddaughter, Karensa Nodine; and her stepfather, Ed Sherman.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 or 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church or the Cancer Support Group of Garrett.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Schmitt

ANGOLA — Robert L. Schmitt, 59, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000, at 6:58 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after a traffic accident.



Schmitt

He was owner of two bowling alleys, Roanoke Lanes and Little Turtle Hillcrest Bowling Alley. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and lived in Angola. He was a member of American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke, the Moose and Elks lodges in Angola, and the Midwest Gun Club. He was a gun collector and animal lover.

Mr. Schmitt was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Yoder, Ind., to Linus and Cecilia (Ternet) Schmitt. They preceded him in death.

He married Kathryn Neher on June 19, 1965, in Arcola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert E. Schmitt of Auburn; one daughter, Mary Kay Hammond of Fremont; one brother, Richard Schmitt of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Joseph Andrews of Fremont and Suzanne Schmitt of Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will be held tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to ARC of Allen County, or the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. 200-W, Angola IN 46703.

James Yates

ALBION — James L. Yates, 65, died at 2:53 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000, at his home.

He was born June 23, 1935, in Huntertown to Melvin N. and Naomi J. (Shambaugh) Yates.

Mr. Yates was an asbestos worker with Local 41 and was a lifetime resident of the Huntertown and Albion area. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He married Carol Sue (Bowser) Yates in Fort Wayne on May 17, 1957. She survives.

Norma Pardue

FREMONT — Norma W. Pardue, 71, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pardue retired in 1994 as secretary for the electrical and computer engineering department at Tri-State University. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont, the Angola Women of the Moose, the Angola chapter of the Gold Wing Riders Association and the Family Hikers and Campers Association.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 14, 1929, to Lawrence and Irma (Hans) Springer.

On Nov. 26, 1949, she married Everett Pardue, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Melanie Pardue of Hudson and Bruce and Lisa Pardue of Angola; two daughters, Connie Pardue of Fort Wayne and Diane Miller of Angola; three brothers, Gilbert and Garold Springer of Fort Wayne and Milton Springer of Auburn; two sisters, Hildegard Blondel and Rosalind Unverzagt, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One grandson and one great-granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association and Peace Lutheran Church.

Surviving with his wife are his father, of Fort Wayne; two sons, Mark Yates of Albion and Jesse Yates of Albion; four daughters, Cheryl Kirchner of Churubusco, and Shelia Tarlton, Beth Shellman and Lisa Yates, all of Albion; one sister, Marilyn Omspacher of Garrett; one brother, Robert Yates of Fort Wayne; and 14 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his mother, and three brothers, Melvin Jr., Glen and Edward.

There are no services or visitation. Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City.

Thomas Bunn Sr.

GARRETT — Thomas E. Bunn Sr., 50, died Monday, Nov. 13, 2000, at 5:21 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bunn was a machinist at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne for 28 years. He was a lifetime Garrett resident and a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

He was born Dec. 2, 1949, in Garrett to Edward E. and Helen A. (Hillegass) Bunn. They preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie S. Sleek on Jan. 24, 1970, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Connie Kashmer of Garrett and Rebecca Bunn of Indianapolis; one son, Thomas E. Bunn Jr. of Fort Wayne; four brothers, David Bunn of Auburn, Kenneth Bunn of Hicksville, Ohio, and Wayne Bunn and Edward G. Bunn, both of Garrett; two sisters, JoAnn Bryant of Kendallville and Monica Aschleman of Auburn; and one grandson, Zakary Kashmer of Garrett.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to My Friends and Me Preschool.

Area Deaths

STURGIS, Mich. — Margaret Rebecca Marks, 93, died Tuesday at Thurston Woods Village. Services will be on Friday at 11 a.m. at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis, with calling 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Marie Kline, 84, died Tuesday at 10:10 a.m. Services Friday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Triplett

WATERLOO — Marjorie V. Triplett, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at 6:10 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Triplett was a homemaker and a former resident of Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Auburn to Arthur and Geraldine (Ables) Triplett.

She is survived by a son, Martin "Buck" Sprague of Waterloo; three daughters, Martha L. Stuller of Waterloo, Jenny Jo Luft of Gaines, Mich., Jerri Ann Poltrak of Houston, Texas, and Janie Edwards of Big Springs, Texas; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, W.J. Triplett, in 1998, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl of New Hope Christian Center officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

There is no calling. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Violet A. Bixler

AUBURN — Violet A. Bixler, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000, at 9:30 p.m. at the Wesley Health Care center in Auburn.

Mrs. Bixler, of Auburn, was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria at Garrett High School.

She was born Feb. 4, 1914, to Frank and Elsie Reeves. She married Arthur E. Bixler on Sept. 29, 1933, in LaPorte. Her husband preceded her in death in 1976.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James E. Bixler; a daughter, Sally Lou Hull; and a sister, Elanor Reeves.

She is survived by two daughters, Vonda Wolpert of Garrett and Shirley Ginder of Fort Wayne; one son, Randy Bixler; several grandchildren; and two brothers, Larry and Norman Reeves, both of Kendallville.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Alpheus H. McClellan

LAGRANGE — Alpheus H. McClellan, 68, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at 1 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He lived in LaGrange and had worked for 20 years at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1999. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a volunteer with the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years.

Mr. McClellan was born Aug. 31, 1932, in Auburn to Harry and Juanita (McInturf) McClellan.

On June 23, 1973, he married Patricia Wright, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Melinda Hess of Monroeville, Dawn Hoyer of Ashley, and Jacqueline Miller of Garrett; three sons, Michael of LaOtto, Matthew of Albion, and Richard of South Bend; a stepdaughter Rosemarie Mitchell of Gardenville, Nev.; three stepsons, Audie and Marlen McBride of Las Vegas and Mark O'Brien of Angola; a sister, Clara Wilkins of Monroe, Mich.; 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Kenneth Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions should be made to National Wildlife.

Margaret Carper

AUBURN — Margaret E. Carper, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000, at 1:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carper worked at County Line Cheese Co. for 10 years, retiring in 1982. She lived in the Castle Courts Apartments in Auburn. She was a graduate regent of the Auburn Women of the Moose.

She was born July 4, 1918, in DeKalb County to Oren and Olive (Treesh) DeLong.

She married Laurel "Mike" Carper in 1936. He died in 1972.

Surviving her are one daughter, Joan Morr of Auburn; two grandsons, Jeff and Tom Morr; and three great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Margaret and Miranda Morr.

Four brothers and six sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Harlan of the Indian Village Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Women of the Moose memorial service will be held tonight at 7 in the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Dean O. Bullock, 89, died Wednesday at Goshen Hospital. Services Monday at 1 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling at the funeral home beginning at 11 a.m. Monday.

MIDDLETOWN — Charles David Stephenson, 63, died Thursday at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ballard and Sons Funeral Home, Middletown Chapel, with calling today at the funeral home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Donard Hursh

WAUSEON, Ohio — Donard E. "Dusty" Hursh, 55, of Wauseon, Ohio, and formerly of Auburn, died in his home Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, after an extended illness.

Mr. Hursh was born Nov. 1, 1945. He had been a chef at Richards Restaurant in Auburn and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Defiance, Ohio.

Surviving are two stepsons, Thomas Wiler of Defiance, Ohio, and Andrew Wiler of Montpelier, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Amy Deetz of Montpelier and Holly Wiler of New Mexico; two brothers, Thomas and Robert, and two sisters, Rose, of Angola, and Sharon.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — Infant **Zachary Scott Chiddister**, died Tuesday. Graveside services were held Friday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Deaths & Funerals

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Marian West

AUBURN — Marian L. West, 91, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at 2:20 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. West was born in Mt. Ayr, Iowa, on March 2, 1909, to John A. and Helen J. (Wood) Williams.

She married Fisher C. West in Auburn on June 26, 1932. He preceded her in death Dec. 26, 1982. She was also preceded in death by two sons, a brother, and five sisters.

She was a secretary and bookkeeper for West Brothers Insurance for 50 years, retiring in 1982. She was the longest serving member of Greenhurst Country Club, a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, Sigma Beta, and a 50-year member of Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Kenwig's Literacy Club and several bridge clubs.

Mrs. West volunteered much of her time. She was the former chairman of hospital volunteers at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mrs. West is survived by two sons, John West of Peoria, Ariz., and Curtis West of Middletown; three daughters, Marilyn Hall of Auburn, Barbara West of Fort Wayne, and Mary Skelton of Danville, Calif.; a brother, John. L. Williams of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, and 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital and/or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Steven Reynolds

ROME CITY — Steven C. Reynolds, 41, of Rome City died Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at 8:30 p.m. at his residence. He had fought colon cancer for 17 months.

Mr. Reynolds was born Jan. 18, 1959, in Kendallville to Hugh B. Reynolds Jr., who preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 2000. His stepmother, Margaret Reynolds, survives in Fort Pierce, Fla.

He was raised by his great-uncle, Richard Reynolds, who also survives in Fort Pierce, and his grandparents, Hugh B. Reynolds Sr. and Mercedes Irene Reynolds, who preceded him in death.



Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds was a lifetime area resident. He married Becky Coston in LaGrange on May 22, 1982. She survives in Rome City.

Mr. Reynolds was an avid NASCAR fan, snowmobiler and engine enthusiast. His greatest pleasure was watching his children play ball. He was a member of the Sons of the Legion — American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter, Stefanie Reynolds, a junior at East Noble High School; a son, Stephen Reynolds, a freshman at East Noble; a brother, David Reynolds of Wolcottville; three sisters, Sharlene Heine of Rome City, Debbie Knox of Avilla, and Sherri Ramey of Cree Lake; two stepsisters, Darlene Holsinger of Hendersonville, N.C., and Cindy Wagner of Middlebury; and a stepbrother, Barry Ruble of Avilla; plus numerous special friends.

His funeral will be at 5 p.m. Monday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville, with Father Charles Mullen officiating. Calling is Monday from 2-5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to his family.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Corder

KENDALLVILLE — Doris M. Corder, 78, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at 12:30 a.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the Noble County Homemakers for 51 years and the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary for 45 years.

Mrs. Corder was born April 12, 1922, in Kendallville to Loy and Susan (Applegate) McWilliams.

She married William "Bill" Kelley on Sept. 27, 1941, and he preceded her in death May 19, 1982.

She married Frank Corder on June 12, 1993, in Angola, and he survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four sons, David Kelley of Albion, Robert Kelley of Rome City, Terry Hisey of Kendallville, and Frank Corder Jr. of Toledo, Ohio; two daughters, Kelley Sillaway of LaOtto and Sue Ann Corder of Toledo, Ohio; one brother, Donald McWilliams of Lepassee, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Elden McWilliams and Robert McWilliams, and one sister, Jean Simpson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.



Mrs. Corder

William Hosek

ANGOLA — William A. Hosek, 91, Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

He was born Aug. 31, 1909, in Pittsburgh to William and Frances (Jelinicik) Hosek. Both preceded him in death.

Jack O'Forrest

BUTLER — Jack M. O'Forrest, 71, of Butler, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at his home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1929, in Louisville, Ky., to Jack and Peggy (Freeman) O'Forrest. Both preceded him in death.

On Nov. 10, 1947, he married Catherine Mae Hensley in Henderson, Ky. She survives.

Mr. O'Forrest spent 17 years as a laborer for R.P. Wakefield.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an aerial photographer and a tail gunner on the Memphis Bell.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion, Butler Eagles, Waterloo VFW and Belfield Baptist Church, Henderson.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by two daughters, Debbie Patterson of Henderson, and Darlene Williams of Vincennes; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Hal Branson officiating. Cremation will follow.

Visitation is at the funeral home Monday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Suggested memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

On May 30, 1936, he married Dorothy Helen Priest in Ashley. She died April 7, 1997.

He was a former machinist at Dana-Weatherhead Co. in Angola. He was a member of Greenleaf Masonic Lodge 349, Camden, Mich.

Mr. Hosek is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Gloria Hosek, and Kenneth John Hosek Sr., all of Montgomery, Mich.; one daughter, Kay Frances Hosek-Knauss and husband James of Mesa, Ariz.; one sister, Mary Duguid of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Visitation is today from 1-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial is at Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Montgomery American Legion or the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Velma Keen

GARRETT — Velma Keen, 56, died Thursday evening in Whitley County Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

She was a homemaker and lived on County Road 7, Garrett.

She was born Nov. 10, 1942, in Hazard, Ky., to the late Asa and Daisy (Smith) Morgan.

Surviving her are two sons, Larry O'Neal Keen Jr. of Butler and Leonard Eugene Keen of Rome City; one daughter, Lavina Sue Keen of Auburn; one brother, Floyd Morgan of Garrett; and one sister, Mallie Harris, Fort Wayne.

Five brothers, Walter, Chester, Kelly, Charley and Roscoe Morgan, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Her funeral service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. Burial will take place Monday at 3 p.m. in Isom Cemetery at Whitesburg, Ky.

Memorial donations may be given to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Zoa Van Auken

ANGOLA — Zoa E. Van Auken, 87, of Angola, died Thursday at 3:45 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

A homemaker, Mrs. Van Auken was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, the Women's Study Club of Pleasant Lake, the Pleasant Lake Home Economics Club and the church Ladies Aide group.

She was born March 6, 1911, in Salem Township, Steuben County, to the late David and Mary (Clink) Freed. On Dec. 31, 1933, she married Basil Van Auken, who preceded her in death on Sept. 5, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Van Auken of Pleasant Lake and Tom Van Auken of Sylvania, Ohio; a daughter, Darlene Wodrich of Perham, Minn.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

An infant brother and a sister, Doris Freed, also preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Cramer

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth T. Cramer, 61, of Kendallville, died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital. He had been ill five years.

He was born in Kendallville, May 2, 1937, to Perry E. and Edith (Balser) Cramer. On Oct. 12, 1960, in Avilla, he married Shirley DeLong. She survives.

Mr. Cramer, a lifetime Kendallville resident, was a shipping and receiving technician for Silicones, retiring in 1996 after 30 years. Prior to that he was a truck driver for Steckley's Feed & Grain for 21 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Moose Lodge 1301 and Eagles Lodge 985.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Jerry Smith and Marcy and Rodney Fogle, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Shelly Cramer of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Kenneth Pfaffman of Bradenton, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home where Moose services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Floyd Link

AUBURN — Floyd W. Link, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at 2 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Link lived in Auburn and retired in 1978 from American Plastic Toys at Walled Lake, Mich., where he had worked for 16 years. He was a 1931 graduate of Auburn High School. He wrote three books, "Looking Over the Shoulder: Tales of Auburn Junction," "Sense and Nonsense," and "Memories 1910-1959: Auburn Rubber Company."

He was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Auburn to Perry and Callie (Carper) Link.

He married Orphelia Smith on May 4, 1935, in Garrett. She died March 28, 1987.

Surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene A. and Shipley Link of Auburn, and Edgar L. and Wendy Link of Holland, Mich.; four granddaughters, Jackie Link of Auburn, Valeria Lush of Seattle, Wash., and Carrie Link and Jamie Link, both of Holland; and a sister-in-law, Bea Link of Fort Wayne.

Two brothers, Glenn and Harold, and one sister, Helen Louchs, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Rick Zehr officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Phyllis Timpe

ANGOLA — Phyllis Ann Timpe, 64, of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Timpe lived in Angola for 39 years after moving from Toledo, Ohio. She worked at Electric Cord Set in Angola for 19 years.

She was born Feb. 4, 1936, in Gas City to Henry and Rachel (Nelson) Peters.

On June 27, 1953, she married James N. Timpe, who preceded her

Althea Bowman

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Althea Bowman, 67, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at 11:06 a.m. in her Hicksville home.

She retired from Yoder's Restaurant. She was a member of Hicksville First Church of Christ and Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary. She was a volunteer at the Bargain Box and Meals on Wheels.

Surviving her are four daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Marshall Osmun, Wanda and Chuck Edwards, and Sandy and Tim Edwards, all of Hicksville, and Judy and Hilliard Munsey of Butler; four sons, Jeff of Wisconsin, and Robert, Randall and Paul, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Donald Phillips of Jonesville and John "Speck" Phillips of Hicksville; one sister, Rayetta Stotler of Hicksville; 23 grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Three brothers, Warren "Bud" Phillips, Richard Phillips and Robert Phillips, and five grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 9 a.m. Ken Wellman, minister of the Hicksville First Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Tuesday after 2 p.m. in the funeral home. An Eagles Auxiliary service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County or the church building fund.

in death on Dec. 14, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim N. and Bobbi Timpe of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kim and David Neeley of Pleasant Lake and Marcia Melchi of Angola; two sisters, Margaret Kolinski of Lambertville, Mich., and Mary Ellen Keefer of Toledo; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Alan Timpe, on June 25, 1970; and three brothers, Robert, Richard and Joseph Timpe.

Memorial graveside services will be held Friday, at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Pheba Walt

SUN CITY, Calif. — Pheba Leota Huffman Walt, 96, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at Cherry Hills Nursing Home in Sun City, Calif.

She lived in Garrett until 1955, when she moved to Arcadia, Calif.

She was born March 31, 1904, in Clear Lake, Ind., to Commadore and Hattie Huffman.

She married Edward Leo Walt on Oct. 24, 1925, in Fort Wayne. He died April 13, 1980.

Surviving her are three daughters, Waunieta Colvin of Churubusco, Betty Hart of Temple City, Calif., and Maxine Dame of California; seven grandchildren, including three from Indiana, Pamela Reinig and Rick McCoy, both of Churubusco, and Maureen Culler of Avilla; 15 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services are pending. Burial will be in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, Calif.

Melvin Straw

FREMONT — Melvin D. "Cap" Straw, 68, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Straw was self-employed in the excavation business. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion, Cassel Post 257, at Fremont.

He was born April 15, 1932, in Angola to Floyd D. and Virgil Marie (Worthington) Straw.

He married Patricia Rohrs on May 11, 1950, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Kathie and Richard Brown of Fremont; one sister, Margaret Snyder of Blountville, Tenn.; two grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and five brothers preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Melvin D. Shaw Trust Fund, in care of Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Marian West

AUBURN — Marian L. West, 91, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at 2:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. West was a secretary and bookkeeper for West Brothers Insurance for 50 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Kenwigs Literary Club, several bridge clubs and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was a 50-year member of Sigma Beta Sorority and held the longest membership at Greenhurst Country Club. She was a past chairman of volunteers at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and served as a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

She was born March 2, 1909, in Mount Ayr, Iowa, to John A. and Helen J. (Woods) Williams.

She married Fisher C. West on June 26, 1932, in Auburn. He died Dec. 26, 1982.

Surviving her are two sons, John West of Peoria, Ariz., and Curtis West of Middletown; three daughters, Marilyn Hall of Auburn, Barbara West of Fort Wayne and Mary Skelton of Danville, Calif.; one brother, John L. Williams of Waterloo; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. William Haworth of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Willam Browning

HOWE — William (Billy) Donald Browning, 42, of 6920N — 475E, Howe, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at the Sturgis Hospital emergency room.

He was born Sept. 17, 1958, in Sturgis, Mich., the son of William G. and Merl (Patterson) Browning. He was a graduate of Sturgis High School and had spent most of his life in the Sturgis area with the exception of five years spent in New Iberia, Louisiana.

He had been employed as a maintenance man and was also a professional thrill seeker, owning Tumblin' Dice, a sky diving business. He took videos of sky diving, liked to drag race motorcycles, enjoyed base jumping, working with explosives which he did in Louisiana, rebuilding motorcycles and cars, and raising Great Danes.

On Nov. 7, 1992, in LaGrange, he married Susan Anne Olds. She survives.

Other survivors include his parents in Sturgis; two sisters, Diann Johnsonbaugh and Susie Bennett, both of Sturgis; one brother, Matthew (Matt) Browning of Sturgis; his mother- and father-in-law, Roger and Carol Olds of Sturgis; and nieces and nephews.

Religious services and a celebration of life will be held in the First United Methodist Church of Sturgis on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Robert Keim officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Randall K. Disler**, 77, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 6:35 a.m. on Sunday at Parkview Noble hospital. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with calling at the funeral home today from 5-8 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ronald L. Davis**, 76, died Saturday at Oaks Health Care in Columbia City. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Country-side Park Funeral Home, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Allison

AUBURN — Donald M. Allison, 86, died today, Nov. 21, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. in his Auburn home.



Allison

Mr. Allison was president of Allison Automotive, retiring in 1983. He served as mayor of Auburn from 1968 to 1972. He was a director of the Auburn State Bank for 40 years and was a past director of the Indiana Automotive Wholesalers Association.

He was a past president of the United Fund and the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society. He served on the DeKalb Memorial Hospital building committee and was a past president of the hospital board. He was a past board member of the YMCA and a past president of the Rotary Club. He was on the founders board of DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity.

He graduated from Muncie Central High School and Depauw University. He was a member and elder in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was a 32nd-degree Mason in DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, and was a member of Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine (for 50 years) and Greenhurst Country Club. He was a charter member of Habanera. He was a member of the Auburn Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Allison was born April 17, 1914, in Muncie to Ralph M. and Marie (Wingling) Allison.

He married Frances McCormick on Nov. 27, 1937, in Muncie. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Don M. Allison of Auburn, Lee M. Allison of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Philip M. Allison, also of Auburn, and eight grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth E. Allison, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. A private graveside service will be held Saturday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Friday from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to Auburn Presbyterian Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Fred Nelson

CHURUBUSCO — Fred I. Nelson, 71, died at 8:18 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been hospitalized since Oct. 11.

He was born May 12, 1929, in Angola to Oliver E. and Lucy (Stevens) Nelson. He moved to Fort Wayne from Steuben County with his parents, and graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1947. After completing his education, he served with the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War.

On July 11, 1958, he married Marilyn Y. Parker in Fort Wayne. The couple moved to Churubusco in 1961. He was employed at Slater Steel Corp. in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of United Steel Workers Local 14, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, and V.F.W. Turtle Post 3846.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and James Johnson of Churubusco; a son, Steven S. Nelson of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Robert Scott of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Christopher Johnson and Jessica Johnson, both of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Linda Kay Nelson, in 1985; and brother, Harry Nelson, in 1994.

Services 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Frederick E. Hasecke officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorials are to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Fred Dickes

HUNTERTOWN — Fred R. Dickes, 91, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Allen County. He was a retired farmer, purebred livestock judge and breeder. He was past president of a number of organizations: the Northwest Allen County School board, Byron Health Center, Indiana Tennessee Walking Horse Association, and the National and Indiana Suffolk Sheep Association. He was a past judge of shows of sheep and horses at the Indian State Fair and in other counties.

Surviving are his wife, Carol M.; two sons, Bryam E. Dickes of Winnetka, Ill., and Lyle T. Dickes of Peoria; a daughter, Ruth E. Logar of Huntertown; three stepdaughters, Vickie Meyer and Robin Haynes, both of Huntertown, and Grace Lepley of Wolcottville; two stepsons, Michael Osborne of Angola and Daniel Osborne of Ann Arbor, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 14 stepgrandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Erma, in 1991, and a daughter, Betty Jean Kelso, in 1979.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and two hours before services.

Memorials to either Huntertown United Methodist Church or the First Baptist Church of Huntertown.

Leslie Tassler

FORT WAYNE — Leslie E. Tassler, 69, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at his home.

He was born in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1998 from Railway Express Agency after 22 years. He was owner and operator of K&I Distributors for eight years. He also worked at Crown Group for 10 years and Burns Security for two years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are a son, Steven L.

Tassler of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lisa R. Tassler of Fort Wayne; a brother, Levi Tassler of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Leah Flowers of LaGrange, Ga., and Leanah Pratt of Kendallville; and a grandchild.

His wife, Catherine A., died Nov. 14.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. today. Memorials to the family.

Area Death

AKRON, Ind. — Fred D. Haney Jr., 70, died Monday at his home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with calling today from 2-8 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Foster Creager

BRONSON, Mich. — Foster K. Creager Sr., 60, of Bronson, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at his home following a two-year illness.

Mr. Creager worked for more than 20 years for Earl Modert Excavating in Bronson as a heavy-equipment operator. Before that, he had worked in the same capacity for Roy Aaron in Steuben County. He enjoyed his dogs and liked motorcycles.

He was born May 26, 1940, in Steuben County to Curtis and Hilda (Keller) Creager, and lived most of his life in the Bronson area.

On Sept. 26, 1979, in Coldwater, Mich., he married Stella Adamski. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Norene and David Keller of Pleasant Lake; a son, Foster Creager Jr. of Bronson; a granddaughter, Anna Keller of Pleasant Lake; his stepmother, Gloria Creager of Fort Wayne; his half-brothers, Curtis Creager and Ted Creager, both of Fort Wayne, and Kevin Creager of Yoder; and four sisters, Carolyn Alexander of Fort Wayne, Gail Lauer of Columbia City, Phyllis Graves of Springfield, Ohio, and Cindy McCartney of New Haven.

A graveside service will be held Monday at noon at St. Mary Cemetery, Bronson. The Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, has arranged for cremation.

Memorials may be made to the family.

George Patrick

BUTLER — George "Punkin" Patrick, 40, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Patrick was self-employed and lived in Butler.

He was born March 31, 1960, in Hindman, Ky. His mother, Ivory (Beverly) Gault, survives in Ashley. His father, C.P. Patrick, is deceased.

He married Ruby Jackson on July 4, 1988, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Nick Patrick, at home; two daughters, Traci Patrick of Paulding, Ohio, and Staci Gilvin of Angola; two brothers, Gillford Patrick of Waterloo

Melvin DeGrasse

GARRETT — Melvin R. DeGrasse, 78, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at 10:21 a.m. at 609 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Mr. DeGrasse had lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett for the past six years. He was a truck driver for Fruehauf in Fort Wayne for 32 years, retiring in 1978. He worked as a custodian for Garrett-Keyser-

Butler schools from 1978 to 1984 before moving to North Carolina. He was a Teamsters Union member and a 32nd-degree Mason.

He was born May 22, 1921, in Brewer, Maine, to Fred and Rena (Betts) DeGrasse.

He married Margie L. Cooper in 1952 in Indianapolis. She died Aug. 25, 2000.

Surviving him are four sons; Richard of Angola, Paul of Clinton, N.C., Don of Houston, Texas, and Ron of Garrett; two daughters, Deanna DePew of Garrett and Judy Gordon of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Fred and Sheldon, both of Fort Wayne and Harold of Brewer; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Everett, and one sister, Virginia Hillier, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 1 p.m. Dr. R. Larry Smith will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Garrett Middle School.

William Braley

TEXAS, Ohio — William F. Braley, 72, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, after an illness that began in early July.

A graduate of Ohio State University, he was a safety engineer who retired from Owens Illinois in Toledo in 1981. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, continuing to serve through the period when his branch of the Army became its own service, the U.S. Air Force. While in the Army Air Corps he was one of the bicycle-riding extras in the movie "12 O'Clock High." He also worked for the Pittsburgh and West Virginia, the Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O), and the Pennsylvania railroads, and for U.S. Steel, Anchor Hocking, Glidden-Durkee and Kemper Insurance.

He was born July 12, 1928, in Smithfield, Ohio, to William W. and Agnes (Swyers) Braley. On Sept. 21, 1952, he married Doma L. Bell, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Barb Braley of Avilla, Doug and Becki Braley of Texas, Ohio, and Brian and Pam Braley of Liberty Center, Ohio; a daughter, Lacie Braley of Westerville, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Mabel Braley of Mount Pleasant, Ohio; six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Zinck and Ellen Bailey, and two brothers, Robert and Jim Braley.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Liberty Center United Methodist Church, Liberty Center, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Henry County Cancer Society, Hospice of Henry County or Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made through Wright Funeral Homes, Grand Rapids, Ohio.

E.M. Bud Axtell

AUBURN — E.M. Bud Axtell, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, at 1:10 a.m. at his daughter's home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Mr. Axtell owned and operated the Town Tavern in Auburn from 1961 to 1970, and retired from Owen's Supermarket in 1986. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Moose Lodge, both in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 8, 1921, in Auburn to Foy and Bertha (Parker) Axtell.

He married Mary A. Stoy on Jan. 31, 1942, in Indianapolis. She died Nov. 12, 1999.

Surviving him are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kalene and Richard Hamman of Auburn, Theresa and Rodney Guinn of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Mary Jeanne and Wesley Warstler, also of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Bendele of Warsaw and Doris Geeting of Angola; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Carlton Axtell, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Port Charlotte Hospice.

Sharon Wasson

GARRETT — Sharon K. Wasson, 35, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at 11:53 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Wasson worked as a general clerk at Fort Wayne Foundry for 13 years and was a lifetime Garrett resident.

She was born Jan. 21, 1965, in Garrett to Raymond E. and Ruth (Gabet) Gingery. They survive in Garrett.

She married Steven J. Wasson on Oct. 11, 1986, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Janelle Wasson of Garrett; two brothers, William Gingery of Powell, Ind., and Richard Gingery of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Diane Osborn of Fort Wayne, Susie Moore of Coldwater, Mich., and Mary Ann Hamman of Butler.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home,

Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Janelle Wasson.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **David Carl Thieme Sr.**, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services at noon Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling two hours before services.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Charles E. Smith**, 76, died Tuesday at his home. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Berea Missionary Church, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Yingling

GARRETT — Mary "Lucille" Yingling, 82, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000, at 8:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Yingling was a homemaker and lived in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Harvest House, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Garrett Historical Society, Garrett Elks Lodge, Spouses of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and REACT (Retired Eagles Auxiliary).

She was born Sept. 24, 1918, in Waterloo to John Cornelius and Flora L. (Karst) Blomeke.

She married Roy A. Yingling on Sept. 25, 1937, in Garrett. He died Nov. 12, 1990.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jack Mitchener of Auburn, and Cheryl and Jim Ely of Garrett; one son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Susan Yingling of Fairmount; one sister, Loretta Demski of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

One brother, Cornelius Blomeke, and one granddaughter, Lisa Yingling, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi and Father James Sapp will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Emma Druckamiller

ANGOLA — Emma Druckamiller, 96, of Angola, died

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Druckamiller taught kindergarten in Angola for 27 years. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Christ, Angola, a 50-year member of the Sorosis Club, a member of the Evening Musicale Music Club and a retired teachers association member.

She was born Aug. 30, 1904, in Syracuse to William and Bessie (Proper) Rapp.

On Dec. 2, 1928, she married Emery L. Druckamiller. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia L. Parker of Holt, Mich.; a sister, Janice Bachman of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Druckamiller in 1996; and two sisters, Christine Saunders and Catherine Stoner.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis and the Rev. Ray Bodie officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Eleanor Reas

ANGOLA — Eleanor Reas, 47, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000, at 11:35 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was co-owner, bartender and tavern manager of Joe's Place in Ashley. She lived in Angola.

Mrs. Reas was born Nov. 7, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Phyllis (Swaim) and Norman Topp Sr. They preceded her in death.

She married Stephen C. Reas Sr., and he survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Stephen C. Reas Jr. of Hamilton; three stepdaughters, Shelly Ohneck and Kelly Hecke, both of Fort Wayne, and Renee Pfister of Auburn; one sister, Gina Topp of Waterloo; three brothers, Louie Topp of Waterloo, and Joseph Topp and Norman Topp Jr., both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

There will be no services or visitation. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Mary J. Kurtz**, 69, died Tuesday at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange. Services were today at the family home outside Topeka.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ishmael Sparkman**, 74, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with calling today 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home and at the church after 6 p.m. on Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Richard C. Kamp**, 76, died Thursday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

LIGONIER — **Iliah R. Donaldson**, 76, died Wednesday at Oak Leaf Village. Services Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Topeka Baptist Church. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Patsy Patton

BUTLER — Patsy Patton, 78, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at her Butler home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Patton was born April 28, 1922, in Knott County, Ky., one of 19 children of Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson.

She married Bufard Patton in Steuben County in 1949. He died May 2, 1984.

Surviving her are three daughters and sons-in-law, Mindy and Richard Foster of Auburn, Margie and Steve Stockert of Butler, and Naden and Jerry Davis of Waterloo; six sons and three daughters-in-law, Buford Patton Jr. and Brenda Patton, Lewis Patton, and John Edward and Angela Patton, all of Butler, Noah and Karen Patton, and Johnny Patton, all of Auburn, and Steve Patton of Fort Wayne; one brother, David Gibson of Brimfield; six sisters, Stella Howe of Waterloo, Hellen Zimmerman of Brimfield, Ruby McCoy of Avilla, Mae Gibson of Auburn, Della Fay Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., and Rosa Wood of Mongo; 37 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Forest Bolen, in 1999, five sisters and six brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Donald Macrae

FORT WAYNE — Donald S. Macrae, 80, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a material handler at Moen in Garrett for 22 years, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Macrae was a past master of King David's Lodge in Lincolnville, Maine, where he was presented his 50-year pin. He was a member of the Lincolnville Fire Department for many years. He was a member and past worthy patron of the Auburn chapter of Eastern Star. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. He was a volunteer at the Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. He made model semi trailers and was a collector of model trains, pens and pencils.

He was born Aug. 11, 1920, in Providence, R.I.

Surviving him are his wife, Beverly I.; one daughter, Charlotte June Hanley of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

A daughter, Ruth Helene Macrae, and a grandson, Eric Alan Hanley, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Grace Presbyterian Church, 1811 Fairhill Road, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors by Waynedale American Legion Post 241.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road.

Memorials are to the family.

Pauline Sipe

WINCHESTER — Pauline Sipe, 94, died at 10:06 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 21, 1906, in Randolph County to Walter Sr. and Mae Fry.

Mrs. Sipe was a homemaker. She was a lifelong resident of Randolph County and a 1924 graduate of Spartanburg High School. She was a member of the Saratoga United Methodist Church and the Jackson Homemakers Extension Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, McClure Sipe, in 1971, and several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Jackie Sipe of Winchester; two daughters and a son-in-law, Helen and Charles Hartzell of Unionport, and Doris Ann Litten of Angola; two brothers, Walter Fry Jr. of Lynn and Warren Fry of Whitewater; a sister, Marguarite Green of New Castle; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Walker Funeral Home, Winchester, with the Rev. Jan Bunch officiating. Burial will be in Saratoga Cemetery, Saratoga.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Eleanore Dauscher

HUDSON — Eleanore "Molly" Dauscher, 82, of Big Long Lake, died at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born May 3, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Hedwig (Stasak) Kendzieski.

Mrs. Dauscher was a graduate of South Side High School. She retired from Cleveland Graphite Co. in New Haven and had also worked in area restaurants. She was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake and the Rosary Solidarity at the church.

On Feb. 14, 1939, she married Andrew S. Dauscher in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Dauscher of Bettendorf, Iowa; three granddaughters, Stephanie Dauscher, Jessica Dauscher and Suzanna Dauscher, all of Bettendorf, Iowa;

and a grandson, Michael Dauscher of Bluffton.

Preceding her in death were three brothers, Frank, Anthony and Leo, and one sister, Gertrude.

Funeral Mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, Hudson, with Father Conrad Schweibold officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Ilah Donalson

LIGONIER — Ilah R. Donaldson, 76, died at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000, at Oak Leaf Willage. She had been ill for two months.

She was born Feb. 21, 1924, in Topeka to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Fought.

She lived her entire life in LaGrange and Noble counties. She worked at several Ligonier stores, including Ton's Jewelry Store. She was a member of Topeka Baptist Church. She enjoyed reading and playing cards with her afternoon card club.

On Sept. 24, 1942, she married Gene Donaldson in Ligonier.

Surviving are her husband, three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Donaldson of Fort Wayne, Thomas Donaldson of Fort Wayne, and Michael and Linda Donaldson of Ligonier; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Helen Woodworth of Topeka, Imogene and Clayton Preston of Ligonier; and Kathryn Preston, Joan Keplinger, Jane and Dean Ulrey and Janice Keenan, all of LaGrange; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Phyllis Myers.

Memorial services will be Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2:30 p.m. at the Topeka Baptist Church, with the Rev. Allen Holmes officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to Topeka Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Kenneth Robert Munk**, 88, died at 12:18 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Masonic Lodge will host a service at the funeral home Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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Deaths & Funerals

Kenneth Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth Robert Munk, 88, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at 12:18 p.m. in Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Munk was a lifelong resident of the Kendallville area and a World War II Army veteran. He retired in 1977 after 25 years at L.P. Gas (formerly Seagley's) in Kendallville. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, the Kendallville Masonic Lodge No. 276, and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Kendallville to Forrest R. and Carrie E. (Smith) Munk.

Surviving are a brother, Norman Richard "Dick" Munk of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Evelyn J. Miller of Fort Wayne.

Three brothers, John David Munk, Jay Munk and Rex Munk, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 12 noon at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the funeral home. The Masonic Lodge will conduct a service at the funeral home Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

Alan Herendeen

LAKE EVERETT — Alan E. Herendeen, 73, a resident of Lake Everett in rural Allen County, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at 9:35 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. He had been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

Mr. Herendeen was born in Allen County on Nov. 10, 1927, to Clyde and Dorothy (Reynolds) Herendeen.

He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946 and served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

On Oct. 16, 1954, in Columbia City, he married Barbara Engle, who survives in Lake Everett. He and his wife had spent their married life in Allen County and had lived at their home in Lake Everett since 1964.

He was employed as a production worker at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring from there in 1983. He was a member of United Auto Workers Local 57. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex A. and Katie Herendeen of Kendallville and Roy A. and Kathy Herendeen of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Rene and Terry Frewer of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Phyllis Herendeen of Columbia City and Max L. and Sharon Herendeen of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Roy Foster of Bozeman, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a daughter, Rowena Ewing, who died Jan. 30, 2000.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. David Herr of Kokomo officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cleo Trimmer

COLUMBIA CITY — Cleo I. Trimmer, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000, at The Oaks Living Center.

A Noble County native, she had worked at Blue Bell and was a cook at the Columbia Township School cafeteria.

Surviving are her husband, George; a son, David G. Trimmer of Columbia City; three daughters, Peggy A. Hawkins of Kokomo and Jean A. Helm and JoAnn Bird, both of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Dale Hontz of Kimmell and Thomas Hontz of Columbia City; and three sisters, Mary Harmon of Warsaw, Erma Stump of

Ligonier and Mabel Young of Wolf Lake.

She was preceded in death by twin daughters, Nancy and Alice Trimmer.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, south of Columbia City.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

NORTH WEBSTER — Beverly A. Bryce, 53, died Friday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trier Road, with calling there from 6-8 p.m. Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Anna Shenk

GARRETT — Anna E. Shenk, 79, died today, Nov. 27, 2000, at 12:24 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett. She had been a patient there since October.

She lived in Garrett and formerly lived in rural Churubusco. Her husband, Russell O. Shenk, died in 1992.

Among the surviving relatives are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Winfield DeLauder of Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Lois Reetz

FREMONT — Lois Jane Reetz, 72, of Fremont, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at her residence.

Mrs. Reetz was a homemaker and avid bingo player.

She was born Dec. 3, 1927, in Toledo, Ohio, to Charles and Mary (Schiffler) Simmons.

Surviving are a son Terry Reetz Sr. of Camden, Mich.; a daughter, Judy Reetz of Toledo; five grandchildren, Robin Henderson of Fremont, Terry Reetz Jr. and Ryan Reetz, both of Camden, Jim Reetz of Angola, and Mindy Lively of Pleasant Lake; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Shirley Demmy of Toledo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Reetz, in 1980.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alice Webb

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Alice Juanita Webb, 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, at Memorial General Hospital in Las Cruces, N.M.

Mrs. Webb worked for the Auburn Rubber Co. for many years, moving with the company to Deming, N.M., in 1959. In 1969 she moved to Las Cruces as head accountant and office manager at Memorial General Hospital. She returned to Deming in 1971.

She enjoyed entertaining people with her piano and organ music, and was in a girls' dance band after high school. She was a member of the Women of the Moose for over 50 years and volunteered at the American Legion post in Deming.

She was born July 4, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Ray McClellan. They preceded her in death.

She married Clifford Walter Webb, who died Feb. 15, 1971.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Lynn and Sam Gellegos of Deming, and LeAnn Latasa of Tacoma, Wash.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clifford R. and Barbara Webb of Las Cruces, and Ned E. and Sherry Webb of Dayton, Texas; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Pat and Walter Smith of Tacoma, and Sue and Lee Stump of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Baca's Funeral Home in Deming was in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Elva Beard

BUTLER — Elva Jeanette Beard, 87, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at 1:25 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a cafeteria worker at Butler Elementary School and previously worked at Crane Edmund. She lived in Butler and was a member of Butler Eagles Lodge 2733, Butler American Legion Post 202, and the Moose Lodge.

Mrs. Beard was born March 13, 1913, in Camden, Mich., to Albert Emory and Barbara Ione (Persons) Roose.

She married Clarence "Bud" Beard on July 6, 1931, in Albion. He died Oct. 21, 1997.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Loren and Nina Beard of Ogdenburg, N.Y., Lloyd Beard Sr. and Teresa Beard of Edgerton, Ohio, and David and Sue Beard of Spencerville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Dorman Davis of Butler, Phyllis and LaVon Reas of Edgerton, and Inez and Bob Prosser of Wabash; one brother, Leo Cluechey of Michigan; 27 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Five brothers, Edward, Kenneth, Dwight, George and Lyle Roose, and three sisters, Zella Koerner, Mary Smola and Luella Spillman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau of Christ's Church, Butler, officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

Elizabeth Snyder

ANGOLA — Elizabeth M. Snyder, 84, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Snyder, a homemaker, was a member of Metz Church of Christ and graduated from Salem Center High School.

She was born April 13, 1916, in Steuben County to Elroy and I. Elizabeth (Rosenberry) Brown.

On Oct. 25, 1939, she married Harold Snyder, who preceded her in death on Oct. 19, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Snyder of Angola; a daughter, Nancy Collier of Angola; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlton Brown, and three sisters, Lurene Soriana, Doris Berresford and Mildred Snyder.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Rosalyn Kuhn

ANGOLA — Rosalyn A. Kuhn, 68, of Angola, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kuhn was nutrition site director for Aging and In-Home Services. She was a member of Sonlight Community Church, Angola, and a member of the Homemakers Extension Club. She also was a member of the Farm Bureau board.

She was born May 12, 1932, in Decatur to Virgil and Arveda (Rumple) Wagner.

On Sept. 1, 1951, she married Merle Lee Kuhn, who preceded her in death on April 23, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Larry Kuhn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sonja Kuhn of Angola; a brother, Larry Schwartz of Indianapolis; four sisters, Coleen Allmadinger of Berne, Virginia Sprunger of Elkhart, Anna Jane Gillion of Bluffton, and Gertrude Kropa of Massachusetts;

two grandchildren and a step-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Sonlight Community Church, Angola, with Mori Church officiating.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Sonlight Church and Cameron Hospice and Home Health. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Evelyn Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn P. Butler, 75, died at 4:55 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Butler was a homemaker.

She was born March 18, 1925, in Altona to Joseph and Dorothy (Watier) Leeson. On Dec. 1, 1945, she married John J. Butler in Garrett. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Tom Barry of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Joy Butler of Brooklyn, Mich.; four granddaughters, Holly Barry of Auburn; Shellie Jacques of Coloma, Mich.; April Curry of Kentwood, Mich.; and Julie Alexander of Brooklyn, Mich.; a grandson, Steve Barry of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Helen Bowman of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Leeson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Malsack officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — Joan M. Gienger, 60, died Tuesday at her home. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home.

LIGONIER — Marguerite E. Winebrenner, 82, died Sunday in Goshen General Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before services.

STURGIS, Mich. — Sharon C. Reed, 42, died Tuesday at Heartland Health Care, Three Rivers, Mich. Memorial services pending. Arrangements by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Anna Shenk

GARRETT — Anna E. Shenk, 79, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at 12:24 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. She had been a patient there since October.

Mrs. Shenk graduated from Avilla High School in 1939. She lived on her family farm in Eel River Township, rural Churubusco, Allen County, from 1948 until 1992, when she moved to Garrett.

She was born Feb. 27, 1921, in Green Township, Noble County, to Charles and Laura (Fulk) Harshbarger.

She married Russell O. Shenk on Nov. 18, 1939, in Albion. He died March 14, 1992.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Winfield Delauder of Garrett; three grandchildren and their spouses, Mike and Alberta Delauder of Garrett, Lynn and Rhonda Delauder of St. Joe, and Becky Delauder of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Earl Harshbarger, preceded her in death in 1947.

Private family services will be held Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

There will be no calling hours.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Gerald Gingery

GARRETT — Gerald D. Gingery, 48, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at 9:28 a.m. in his home on West King Street in Garrett.

Mr. Gingery was a lifelong Garrett resident and was employed in assembly. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 14, 1952, in Garrett to Leon A. and Maxine Rose Gingery. They preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military rites by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Anna Dull

FORT WAYNE — Anna M. Dull, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dull worked for L.S. Ayres and retired in 1984.

She was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Gladwin, Mich., to Fred and Della (Copus) Tuck.

In 1937, she married Wayne Dull, who preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Wagner of Angola; four brothers, Kenneth, Wayne and Gordon Tuck, all of Gladwin, and Howard Tuck of Coleman, Mich.; three sisters, Velma Tuckerman of Beaverton, Mich., Ruth Saide of Midland, Mich., and Dorothy Mercier of Midland; three grandchildren, Michele Wagner of Novi, Mich., Christopher Wagner of Nashville, Tenn., and Stephanie Young of Angola; a great-granddaughter, Sarah Grace Wagner; and a friend, Marvin White of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Vera Buzzell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wilson-Miller Funeral Home, Midland. Burial will be in Midland City Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Garth Durr

BLUFFTON — Garth L. Durr, 88, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, in the early morning at his Bluffton home.

Mr. Durr retired in 1972 from International Harvester after 37 years of service. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Bluffton and an avid coon hunter and sports fan.

He was born Feb. 13, 1912, in Wells County to Oliver H. and Cora D. (Brown) Durr.

He married Catherine Elston on April 24, 1943, in Wells County. She died in August 1956.

Surviving him are one son, Thomas L. Durr of Liberty Center; one daughter, Sonia Shaw of Bluffton; one brother, Marvin "Jack" Durr of Auburn; two sisters, Velma "Val" Henke and Betty VanZant, both of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Dian Durr in February 1947, five brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Robert Heimach will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bluffton High School Athletic Association or the First Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

WOODBURN — **Walter W. Benzing**, 89, died Sunday at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Brennan

GARRETT — Marjorie A. Brennan, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at 10:45 a.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Brennan was a homemaker and previously had worked at the Auburn State Bank. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its rosary society, and a past member of Tri Kappa Sorority. She was an avid bridge player and belonged to several Garrett bridge clubs.

She graduated from St. Rose High School in Lima, Ohio, and attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame. She lived in Garrett for 52 years.

She was born Sept. 13, 1922, in Garrett to Edward L. and Henrietta (Weaver) Kokenge.

She married John William Brennan on Nov. 26, 1948, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carol Sue Brennann Reed and Ken Reed of Portage, Wis.; three sons and daughters-in-law, John Thomas and Teresa Brennan of Springfield, Ohio, David Edward and Darlah Brennan of Garrett, and Timothy Richard and Darlene Brennan of Roswell, Ga.; one sister, Carolyn Kokenge of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Robert Kokenge of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Susan and Ellen Reed of Portage, Jason and Julie Brennan of Garrett, and Cheryl and Courtney Brennan of Springfield.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph School in Garrett, Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Fort Wayne, or masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Donald Keefer

ROCHESTER, Ind. — Donald E. Keefer, 53, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at 3:25 p.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Mr. Keefer graduated from Auburn High School in 1964 and earned an accounting degree at Indiana University's Fort Wayne campus. He enjoyed playing golf, doing yard work, and liked to read and travel.

He lived in Rochester for the past 12 years, moving there from Auburn. A certified public accountant for the past 30 years, he had his own practice, Keefer & Co. CPA, in Rochester. He was a specialist in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict, stationed in the Coleman Barracks in Germany.

He attended St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Plymouth and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. He was an associate of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson.

He was a member of American Legion Post 36 in Rochester, Moose Lodge 741 in Plymouth, the Indiana Association of Certified Public Accountants, and Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

He was born Dec. 1, 1946, in Huntington to Russell and Rosa (Slagel) Keefer. His mother, Rosa Carpenter, survives in Mason, Ohio, and his father is deceased.

He married Marla A. Ringle Condon on Oct. 15, 1994, in Rochester, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Micki Keefer, stationed in El Paso, Texas, with the U.S. Army; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lisa A. and Kim Walker of Kimmel, and Christine A. Kessler of Grabill; a stepson, Kevin Condon of Bourbon; three stepdaughters, Carleen A. Condon and Kelly L. Kring, both of Plymouth, and Kimberly S. Rosinski of Bourbon; two sisters, Barbara Cast and Beverly Mellen, both of Mason; one brother, Gary Keefer of Mason; and 11 grandchildren.

One brother, James Keefer, pre-

Barbara McCracken

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Jean (McCann) McCracken, 70, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

She worked as a data entry clerk in New Haven for HWI hardware stores. She had also worked at GCE/Thorson in Rockford, Ill. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 7, 1930, in Decatur, Ind., to Omer and Reba (Roop) McManama. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry McCann of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Kirk Gump of Uniondale; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Cletus McManama, and one sister, Virginia Ray, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., with calling after 10 a.m. in Myers Funeral Home-Markle Chapel. Pastor David Ballinger will officiate. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Willwood Cemetery in Rockford.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 415 N. Lee St., Markle.

ceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, with Father Anthony Gillespie officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, with military honors by Rochester American Legion Post 36.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. A rosary service will begin Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ancilla Domini Convent in Donaldson.

Forrest Scott

AUBURN — Forrest G. Scott, 70, died today, Nov. 30, 2000, at 12:23 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Scott lived in Auburn. He owned and operated Scott Engineering for 35 years.

He was a staff sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 15015, and Indiana Chapter 13 of Disabled American Veterans. He was a life member of Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He was born Aug. 31, 1930, in Auburn to Marion V. and Romaine (Gieb) Scott.

He married Barbara Vandervest on Dec. 11, 1958, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Randall E. and Karen Vandervest of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen G. and Tim Sponhower, and Lynda J. and Hank Carper, all of Auburn; three brothers, William H. Scott of Comstock Park, Mich., Vernon L. Scott of Hopkinsville, Ky., and John O. Scott of Auburn; two granddaughters, two grandsons, one step-grandson and two great-grandchildren.

One sister, Jean M. Franze, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Irene Handy

ANGOLA — Irene L. Handy, 94, of Spartanburg, S.C., died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, in Spartanburg.

She was a former resident of Fort Wayne, Angola, North Miami, Fla., and Portsmouth, Va., where she was a member of the West Side Christian Church. She was a graduate of South Side High School, Fort Wayne, and Tri-State College, Angola.

She was born April 19, 1906, in Chicago to Hiram and Inez Drummond.

Surviving are three children, Catherine Elkiss of Baltimore, Md., Dr. Russell F. Handy Jr. of Springs, Texas, and David G. Handy of Chesnee, S.C.; four grandchildren, Ann Newman of Memphis, Tenn., Christopher Handy of Laurel, Md., Aaron Elkiss of College Park, Md., and Tom Handy of Chesnee; and a brother, Jack Drummond of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Russell F. Handy Sr., in 1995.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to West Side Christian Church, 535 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701, and Floyd's North Church Street Chapel, Spartanburg.

One daughter, Alice Anthony, died in 1942.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

M. Louise Seiple

HUNTINGTON — M. Louise Seiple, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at 3:25 a.m. in her Huntington home.

Mrs. Seiple was a cook at Cameron Hospital in Angola from 1935 to 1939, then worked 13 years as a secretary of Sunday School Literature at the United Brethren Publishing House in Huntington. She worked three years at a Huntington bakery.

She was a member of College Park United Brethren Church and was active in the church's youth groups. She was a 1934 graduate of Metz School in Metz.

She was born May 32, 1916, in the Steuben County Home, Angola, to Hugh and Sylvia (Richardson) Campbell.

She married Willis Lechleidner, who died in 1964.

She then married H. Carlyle Seiple, and he survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Gary Peppler of Howe; one son, Duane Seiple of New Haven; one step-daughter, Marilyn Woods of Deming, N.M.; three brothers, the Rev. Donnell Campbell of Adrian, Mich., Jim Campbell of Angola, and John Campbell of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Margaret Hagerty of Wauchula, Fla., Jessie Dove of Ashley, and Phyllis Horn of Athens, Tenn.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, Jessica Houlton, and two brothers, Robert and William Campbell.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with the Rev. Willard McKindley officiating.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Cemetery Chapel in Metz.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mary Wasko

FORT WAYNE — Mary Wasko, 89, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at 12:15 a.m. in St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wasko was born Oct. 10, 1911, in Naples, Italy. She was a homemaker and had been a Fort Wayne resident since 1946.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael G. and Anita Wasko of Butler; five grandchildren, Jason L. Wasko, Joseph A. Wasko and William Allan Shultz, all of Butler, Michael of North Webster, and Trudy Kulawiak of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Amanda Jo Kulawiak and Anthony Wasko.

Her husband, George S. Wasko, preceded her in death in 1972.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday after 9 a.m. in Saint Anne Home.

Memorials are to Saint Anne Home. Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Bernice Wehnert

WATERLOO — Bernice E. Wehnert, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Wehnert worked at Rieke Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 21, 1914, in Hamilton to Louie A. and Edith M. (Rogers) Collet.

She married Walter Wehnert on July 1, 1948. He died July 15, 1974.

Surviving her are one son, Gerald Anthony of Auburn; two brothers, Lawrence Guy Collet of Huntington and Raymond Collet of Ligonier; and two grandchildren.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — William J. Reed, 91, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Grace Lutheran Church, with calling two hours before services.

HUNTERTOWN — Paul S. "Pete" Witham, 83, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services at 11 a.m. Friday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, with calling at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, today from 2-8 p.m., and one hour before services.

KENDALLVILLE — John "Jack" R. Franks, 84, died Tuesday at Kendallville Manor Health-care. Graveside services will be at a later date. No services or calling.

The Evening Star, Fri., Dec. 1, 2000

Deaths/Funerals

Andrea VanHorne

AUBURN — Andrea J. VanHorne, 60, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. VanHorne was an artist and teacher in the DeKalb Central United School District for 20 years, retiring in 1996. She also taught art at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. Her watercolor

paintings were exhibited in many local and state art shows. She lived in rural Auburn.



She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Ladies Literary Club and Tri Kappa Sorority in Auburn. She was a past member of the Auburn Improvement Association. She was an artist member of Hoosier Salon and Artlink.

She graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., John Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, and Butler University, also in Indianapolis.

She was born July 11, 1940, in Lodi, Calif. Her father and stepmother, Roland E. and Shirley Meidinger, survive in Jamestown, N.D. Her mother, Clara (Lehr) Meidinger, preceded her in death.

She married Grant VanHorne on Feb. 3, 1962, in Jamestown, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, John and Pam VanHorne of Seattle, Wash., and Charles VanHorne of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Clara Mary and Denis Winebrenner of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Erika, Rachel and Bridget VanHorne.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate.

Additional calling is Friday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Vincent J. Gaietto

TIFFIN, Ohio — Vincent J. "Vinnie" Gaietto, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 30, at 3:35 a.m. in his home at Tiffin.

Mr. Gaietto was the owner and operator of the Gaietto Sunoco Service Station for 26 years and was retired from the maintenance department of American Standard.

He was a flight engineer on bombers in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Legion Post 169, and AmVets Post 48, and was a charter member of the American Motorcycle Association. He graduated from Calvert High School in 1940.

He was born Feb. 10, 1922, in Tiffin to Louis and Irma (Roos) Gaietto. His mother, Irma, survives in Tiffin, and his father preceded him in death.

He married Margaret M. Tiell on July 28, 1945 in Tiffin. She died March 24, 1998.

Also surviving him are four sons, David Gaietto of Auburn, Vincent of Tiffin, Robert of Sycamore, Ohio, and Kenneth A. of Galion, Ohio; five daughters, Carol Clark of Galion, Jane Carroll of Sylvania, Ohio, Ann Marie Waire of Tiffin, Christine Lemmon of Milford, Ohio, and Kathleen Reser of Tiffin; four brothers, Lawrence of Lima, Ohio, Louis M. of Tiffin, Joseph of Paris, Tenn, and Tom of Bowling Green, Ky; three sisters, Margaret Schleter of Tiffin, Irma Rose Hill of Tiffin, and Sister M. Angela (Irene) of Toledo, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One sister, Sister Merici, one brother, Eugene, and one grandchild preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Frank A. Murd officiating. A rosary service will begin at 10:45 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Tiffin. The United Veterans Council will conduct a military graveside service.

A wake service will be held tonight at 8:45 in the Hoffmann-Gottfried Funeral Home in Tiffin.

Calling is today from 2-4 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ursuline Sisters Retirement Fund in Toledo and the Calvert High School Foundation.

Martha Miller

GARRETT — Martha Jean Miller, 58, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at 2:10 p.m. in her Garrett home. She had been ill since January.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime Garrett resident. She worked for the Garrett schools cafeteria for 15 years and in the sales department of International Wire in Avilla for 15 years.

She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church, where she was a past elder. She was a member of Teti Sheri Temple 60 of Daughters of the Nile, a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and past district deputy of District 21, OES.

She was born May 21, 1942, in Garrett to Kenneth B. and Mary (Ross) Feightner. They preceded her in death.

She married David R. Miller on Nov. 11, 1982, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Samme and Dan Johnson of Bowie, Md., and Martha Mary Wood, at home; one stepson and his wife, Sgt. Karl R. and Shari Miller of Wichita Falls, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Treva Feightner of St. Joe, and the Rev. Blaine E. and Donna Feightner of Sharpsburg, Md.; two grandchildren, Emily and Levi Johnson, and two stepgrandchildren, Kayden and Lauren Miller; her grandmother, Pearl Kline of Avilla; and an aunt, Betty Graves of Wolcottville.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Garrett Presbyterian Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Liz Morgan, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Blaine Feightner will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to Rise Inc., 1600 Wohlert St. Angola.

Forrest Scott

AUBURN — Forrest G. Scott, 70, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at 12:23 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Scott lived in Auburn. He owned and operated Scott Engineering for 35 years.

He was a staff sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Auburn, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 15015, and Indiana Chapter 13 of Disabled American Veterans. He was a life member of Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He was born Aug. 31, 1930, in Auburn to Marion V. and Romaine (Gieb) Scott.

He married Barbara Vandervest on Dec. 11, 1958, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Randall E. and Karen Vandervest of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen G. and Tim Sponhower, and Lynda J. and Hank Carper, all of Auburn; three brothers, William H. Scott of Comstock Park, Mich., Vernon L. Scott of Hopkinsville, Ky., and John O. Scott of Auburn; two granddaughters, two grandsons, one stepgrandson and two great-grandchildren.

His parents and one sister, Jean M. Franze, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Paul Brown

SPENCERVILLE — Paul Russell "Brownie" Brown, 62, died Thursday morning, Nov. 30, 2000, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown was a truck driver for 25 years with Renner's Freightlines and also owned and operated Brownie's Floor Covering. He was a member of Teamsters Local 414.

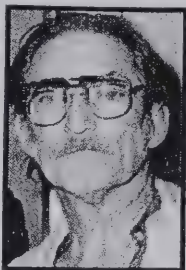
He was born Sept. 1, 1938, to Paul B. and Annabelle (Barrone-Thiel) Brown.

Surviving are four daughters, Brenda Kay Rickman of St. Joe, Tamera Sue Mansfield and Paula Jean Spieth, both of Fort Wayne, and Rebecca Lynn Young of Cape Coral, Fla.; a son, Terry Paul Brown of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Ruth Ann Muldoon of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis.



Mr. Brown

Clarbel Bock

TUCSON, Ariz. — Clarbel "Susie" Bock, 86, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Garrett, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000.

Mrs. Bock retired in 1976 from Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had worked as a labor and delivery nurse.



Mrs. Bock

She was born July 7, 1914, in Kendallville to Chris and Sylvia (Schlotterback) Marti.

On Aug. 30, 1935, she married Raymond "Dutch" Bock. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are three daughters, Dharlee Karrington of Tucson, Ariz., Sue Ann Taylor of Garretttsville, Ohio, and Mary Lou Dibble of Auburn; a sister, Rebecca Obendorf of Garrett; a sister-in-law, Sara Marti of Garrett; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Diana Owens

VAN WERT, Ohio — Diana L. Owens, 40, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at 11:28 a.m. in her Van Wert home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Owens was associate manager for 15 years at Big Lots in Van Wert. She was a member of Salem Presbyterian Church in Venedocia, Ohio, and helped with its junior choir. She also played on a local volleyball team.

She was born Sept. 17, 1960, in Findlay, Ohio.

She married Donald W. Owens on Oct. 2, 1982, in Venedocia, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Brian, at home; one daughter, Kayla, at home; two brothers, David Cramer and Dana Cramer, both of Findlay; two sisters, Denise Cramer of Findlay and Dera Pease of Auburn; and her maternal grandmother, Florence Snively of Findlay.

Her father, Alfred D. Cramer, and one brother, Dennis Cramer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Salem Presbyterian Church, Venedocia, with calling after 12:30 p.m. The Rev. Wendy Pratt will officiate. Burial will be in Venedocia Cemetery.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert.

Memorials are to the children's college fund.

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Valeria "Val" L. Austrup

Coldwater, Ohio — 1910-2000

Valeria "Val" L. Austrup, 90, of Coldwater, Ohio, and formerly of New Haven and Albion, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Community Hospital.

The Garrett native retired in 1972 after 40 years of service and had worked for Bennett Clothing and Fort Wayne Tailoring.

Surviving are sons Robert Shultz of Oklahoma and Karl Austrup of Wawaka; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl H., and a daughter, Karla.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Information provided by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, 493-4433.

Area Deaths

ALBION — Valeria L. "Val" Austrup, 90, formerly of Albion, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio. There will be no services or calling.

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth D. Dafforn, 81, died at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, with calling today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and Saturday before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Alice Cameron

PLEASANT LAKE — Alice Mae Cameron, 89, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cameron was a housewife. She was born in Waterloo.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence Cameron of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Wava Pleier of Angola and Lois Sierer of Pleasant Lake; three sons, David Cameron and Ora Cameron, both of Pleasant Lake, and Roy Cameron of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Cremation will be handled by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society. No services or calling are planned.

Wendell Willms Sr.

ORLAND — Wendell O. "Windy" Willms Sr., 77, of Wall Lake, Orland, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Willms was a farmer and former owner of Wall Lake Tavern and the Phillips 66 filling station in Orland. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and VFW Post 7205 in Angola. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 27, 1923; in Orland to Alton and Vesta (Deetz) Willms.

On May 19, 1946, he married Gertrude J. Thrush in Angola. She

survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Greg Johnson of Orland; a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell Jr. and Debbie Willms of Orland; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; a son, Keith Willms in 1974; and a daughter, Tammara Sue Willms in 1961.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with a military graveside service by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virginia Crachy

HAMILTON — Virginia R. Crachy, 71, of Hamilton, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2000, at her home.

In Chicago on March 22, 1929, she was born to Irwin and Marie (Schwarz) Buckner. On June 17, 1950, she married Gene Crachy, who survives.

She was a bookkeeper for Meyer Medical Co. in Chicago, and a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, Angola Women of the Moose, Eagles Auxiliary, Butler, and Independent Order of

Foresters, Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry and Donald Crachy, both of Chicago, and Gene Crachy, South Holland, Ill.; one daughter, Lynn Rusin, Schwenksville, Pa.; one brother, David Buckner, Cudahy, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Irwin Buckner, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery, Hammond, Ind., at 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Calling is one hour before the services at the church.

Memorials are to Flyers Wives Fight for Life, Philadelphia, Pa., Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, or Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy Dallas, 89, of Wolcottville, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Life Care Center, LaGrange. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Robert Wyman officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2000

Deaths & Funerals

Max Fee

AUBURN — Max J. Fee, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in his home in Auburn.

Mr. Fee retired from Rieke Corp. after 27 years as a factory laborer. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean conflict.

He was born Jan. 29, 1929, in Waterloo to Earl and Hazel (Stoy) Fee.

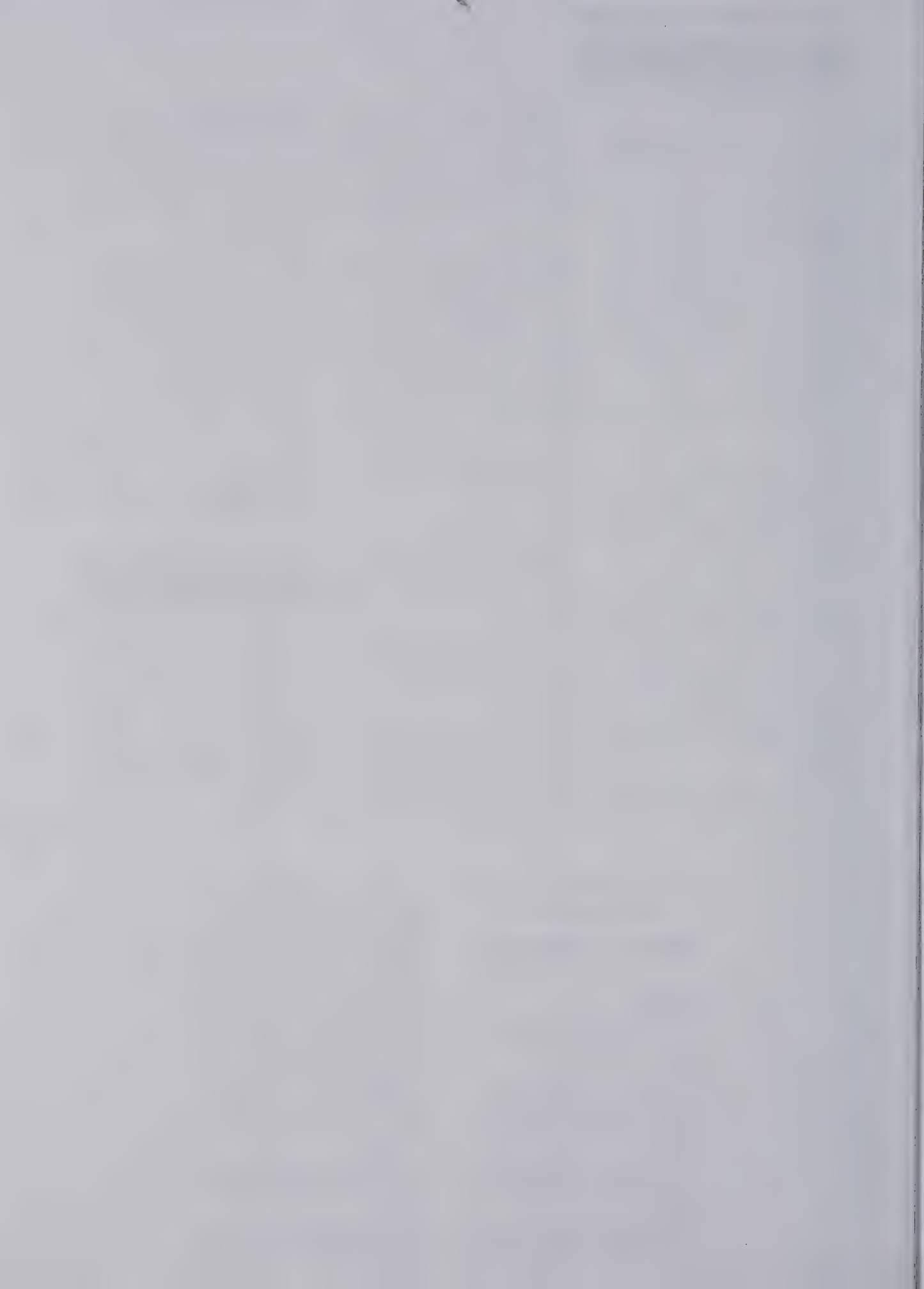
He married Garcile Hilkey on Nov. 15, 1947, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael Earl Fee of Auburn; one daughter, Connie Jean Heffley of Auburn; two sisters, Becky Rufner of Waterloo and Margaret E. Swank of Angola; three grandchildren, Mathew, Patrick and Jonathon Heffley; and two great-grandchildren, Daimon and Maddisyn Heffley. One sister, Mary Rasburg, preceded him in death.

There will be no calling or funeral services. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of funeral arrangements.



Donald "Red" Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Donald E. "Red" Miller, 80, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at Kendallville Manor. He was in failing health since May.

Mr. Miller was born Aug. 31, 1920, in Kendallville to Harvey and Clara (Kline) Miller. His father died that year, and he was raised by a stepfather, Oscar D. Miller.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Miller retired from American Hoist and Derrick of Fort Wayne. He was previously employed by Flint and Walling in Kendallville.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kendallville, but attended Independent Full Gospel Church in Avilla. He was also a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and the National Rifle Association.

On Aug. 30, 1939, he married Becky A. Jaquay, who preceded him in death on Oct. 12, 1983. On March 15, 1997, he married Mary K. Young in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda Miller, Larry and Cathy Young, and Michael and Pat Young, all of Kendallville, Rex and Janet Miller of Hometown, Clyde and Sheri Miller of Auburn, and John and Pat Young of Lee's Summit, Mo.; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jack Lewis of Kendallville; three sisters, Clara Boleyn of Helmer, Emma Jane Gaff of Columbia City and Mary Hicks of Corunna; 33 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Floyd Miller in 1997; a brother, Everett Kline; and a sister, Berdena Smart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will follow at Rehobeth Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Phyllis Hazelton

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis Joy (Imbody) Hazelton, 55, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, where she was born Aug. 12, 1945. She worked as a teacher's assistant for Fort Wayne Community Schools at Forest Park Elementary School for 22 years before retiring Feb. 28, 2000.

She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ, Rebekah Lodge, Forest Park Elementary Parent-Teacher Association and RIPEA.

She is survived by her husband, Al, who she married June 20, 1965.

Also surviving are a daughter, Paula June Carter of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Dorathe Waggoner, Margaret Oelschlager and Elizabeth Tanner, all of Fort Wayne, Jeanine Ray of Greenwood and Clara Griner of Warsaw; three brothers, Louis Imbody of Orange Park, Fla., and Charles W. Imbody and Douglas Imbody, both of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Kaleb and Megan Carter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two children, Dawn C. Hazelton in 1966 and Virgil C. Hazelton in 1970.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or the family.

The Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 4, 2000.

Deaths/Funerals

Lila Springer

AUBURN — Lila E. Springer, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at 3:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

She had lived in rural Auburn. She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and was a former employee of Wayne Pump Co. in Fort Wayne. She worked at the Auburn Post Office for 15 years, retiring in 1987.

She graduated from Leo High School in 1941 and from International Business College at Fort Wayne in 1942.

She was a member of the County Line Church of God, the Extension Homemakers Club of DeKalb County, the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild of Auburn and the Gungfrau Extension Club of Allen County.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Allen County to Jesse B. and Lola (Geier) Schlatter.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Teresa of Spencerville and Brian and Jackie of Auburn; a sister, Marcella Fuller of Butler; nine grandchildren, Lorie, Jennie, Brianne, Brittany, Brenna, Nikia, Brye and Brannon Springer and Amy Albert; and three great-grandchildren, Nickolas and Austin Albert and Jade Springer.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, in rural Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God.

Richard Randol

LAGRANGE — Richard G. Randol, 84, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:05 a.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A retired farmer, Mr. Randol was born Dec. 8, 1915, in Stroh to William and Dessia (Wolfe) Randol. He lived all his life in Steuben and LaGrange counties and was a member of LaGrange County Farm Bureau.

On March 18, 1939, he married Della Varner in Angola. She survives. Other survivors include one son, Richard D. Randol of LaGrange; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Marilyn and Gene Yoder, Janice Randol and Lois Randol, all of LaGrange, and Bonnie and Douglas Trovinger of Auburn; one brother, John Randol of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carledean Merrifield officiating. Burial will follow at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Janakia Sommers

FREMONT — Janakia Ann Sommers was stillborn Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at Hendricks Community Hospital, Danville.

Surviving are her parents, Cissy A. Sommers of Fremont and Elloy Cruz of Hudson; maternal grandparents Karen and Joseph Blount of Fremont and David and Virginia Sommers of Kinderhook; maternal great-grandparents, Gary and Norma Towers of Angola, and Jerrie and Gladys Sommers of Fremont; and an uncle, Jerrie Alan Sommers of Angola.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Hendricks Community Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and the family.

Robert Hodge

AUBURN — Robert H. Hodge, 71, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at 10:20 p.m. in Hospice Home at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hodge worked for 10 years as a material handler and forklift operator for Imperial Clevite of Angola. He retired in 1989.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1948 and served in the U.S. Navy in Korea.

He was born July 20, 1929, in Auburn to Robert P. and Rebecca E. (Pankratz) Hodge.

He married Opal Leona Loumenhouser on Oct. 29, 1969, in Auburn. She died in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, James of Fort Wayne and Eric of Holland, Ohio; a daughter, Elaine Bolinger of Corunna; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private services were conducted today at 11 a.m. The Rev. Sid Short officiated. Burial was in Mott's Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Lung Association.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — Glen D. Friskney, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, in his home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

John Wedding

AVILLA — John W. Wedding, 75, died at 7 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, in his Avilla home.

Mr. Wedding was born May 26, 1925, in Connersville to John and Eleanor (Murray) Wedding. On June 3, 1946, he married Fay Cotner in Connersville. She survives in Avilla.

Mr. Wedding signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates for the 1942-43 baseball season, but in World War II was drafted to serve in the Pacific. He was injured and never returned to baseball.

An electrician for the Town of Avilla from 1965 to 1989, Mr. Wedding was a member of American Legion Post 240, Avilla; Garrett VFW Post 1892; Amvets Post 11, Connersville; and Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Jonnie and Joseph Ciezak of Munster; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nora Wedding of Tenian Island, South Pacific, and Brent and Linda Wedding Sr. of Avilla; a sister, Norma Buckley of Connersville; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Visitation is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Military graveside services by American Legion Post 240 will be conducted at the Avilla Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Loeta Doenges

ANGOLA — Leota P. Doenges, 97, of Angola, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Doenges, a homemaker, was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola; the Angola Business and Professional Women; and the Hoosier Hills Club.

She was born Nov. 29, 1903, in Monroe to Joseph M. and Rosa (Shank) Smith.

On Dec. 31, 1927, she married Harold Doenges. He preceded her in death on April 27, 1971.

Surviving are a son and a daughter-in-law, the Rev. Richard and Elizabeth Doenges of Angola; two grandchildren, Mark Doenges and Susan McNary; and two great-grandchildren, Christine and Alan McNary.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Lila Springer

AUBURN — Lila E. Springer, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at 3:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Springer had lived in rural Auburn. She worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and was a former employee of Wayne Pump Co. in Fort Wayne. She worked at the Auburn Post Office for 15 years, retiring in 1987.

She graduated from Leo High School in 1941 and from International Business College at Fort Wayne in 1942.

She was a member of the County Line Church of God, the Extension Homemakers Club of DeKalb County, the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild of Auburn and the Jungfrau Extension Club of Allen County.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Allen County to Jesse B. and Lola (Geier) Schlatter.

She married Harold Springer on Feb. 26, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives.

She is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Teresa of Spencerville and Brian and Jackie of Auburn; a sister, Marcella Fuller of Butler; nine grandchildren, Laurie, Jennie, Brianne, Brittany, Brenna, Nakia, Brye and

Brannon Springer and Amy Albert; and three great-grandchildren, Nickolas and Austin Albert and Jade Springer.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, in rural Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God.

Helen Golden

LIGONIER — Helen L. Golden, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in Kingston Health Care Center.

She was born Jan. 25, 1915, in Ligonier to Melvin and Zoe May (Guntle) Brill. She was married on June 3, 1939, to Enos Golden in Wawaka. He preceded her in death in January 1961.

She retired in 1992 after 26 years at Nelson Accounting in Kendallville.

Mrs. Golden was a member of Burr Oak Community Church of Ligonier and the Ligonier Order of Eastern Star 325.

Survivors include a brother, Paul Brill of Auburn; two nieces, Karen Cave of Shawnee, Kan., and Judy Brooks of Dallas, Texas; two nephews, Steve Brill of Auburn and Jim Brill of Dallas, Texas. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Brill; a sister, Pauline Steele; and a nephew, Tom Steele.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Revs. Mark Burritt and Michael Neff officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Eastern Star services at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to O.F.S. 325, Burr Oak Community Church of Ligonier or Brimfield United Methodist Church.



Richard Holben

AUBURN — Richard C. Holben, 85, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000, at 6:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Holben owned and operated the former Holben Body Shop in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and lived in Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Fort Wayne Valley, and the Big Turkey Lake Association. He was a founding member of the Barons of Blues Orchestra in the 1930s.

He was born Dec. 29, 1914, in South Whitley to Russell L. and Buncie (Combs) Holben.

He married Waneta R. Seigel on June 7, 1941, in Hattiesburg, Miss. She died June 26, 1993.

Surviving him are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Jo Holben, Dan and Deb Holben, and Rick Holben, all of Auburn; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Marge Sutton, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 Building Fund.

George Smith

FORT WAYNE — George M. Smith, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Born in Kendallville, he was a machine operator with Moble Aerial Towers for four years and retired in 1975. He also worked as a machinist for Wayne Pump for 15 years, Flint and Walling for five years and General Electric for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; three sons, Terry and Lynn Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Max Smith of Hudson; a daughter, Connie Jackson of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kathryn Iddings of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, and one hour prior to the services. Entombment will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, Northeast Indiana Region.

Betty Wells

CORUNNA — Betty M. Wells, 79, died today, Dec. 5, 2000, at 1:23 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells was a former employee of Electric Motors in Garrett. She lived in Corunna.

She was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Petoskey, Mich., to Ray and Mable (Knisley) Littlefield.

She married Cecil Wells in the Garrett Methodist Church in 1936, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil LaMarr and Helen Wells of South Vienna, Ohio, and Robert Leroy and Emma Wells of Corunna; one brother, Ray Littlefield of Waterloo; one sister, Sally Moore of Hudson; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Winifred Joanne Wells in 1942, and two sisters, Dorothy McGuire and Lucille Smith.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Ruby Newkirk**, 93, died Monday in Leo-Cedarville. Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day.

GOSHEN — **Barbara Brandt**, 74, of Goshen, died Monday at her home. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Goshen, with calling an hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.



Area Deaths

ALBION — Frederick R. Kline, 66, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville. Services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday and 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

ROME CITY — Shirley Virginia Campbell, 63, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

TOPEKA — Evelyn Brower, 77, of Topeka died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eastlund Funeral Home — Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Ralph A. Bice

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Ralph A. Bice, 80, of Hicksville, Ohio, a World War II Army veteran, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000, at home.

The Spencerville, Ind., native retired in 1980 from Cooper Tire in Auburn after five years of service, had also worked at Commercial Shearing in Hicksville and Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Methodist Church, American Legion in Butler, Ind., Eagles and Defiance D.A.V.

Surviving are his wife, Rita; daughters Kim Strohaber and Jennifer Somall, both of Hillsdale, Mich., Tammy Bice of Fort Wayne and Shelia Bice of Hicksville; sons Jim of Jonesville, Mich., and Tim of Waterloo, Ind.; a sister, Betty Wheeler of Antwerp; a brother, Orley of Fort Wayne; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 2 p.m. today. Burial with military graveside services will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, Ind.

Information provided by Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, 1-419-542-8065.



Deaths/Funerals

Gus Johnson

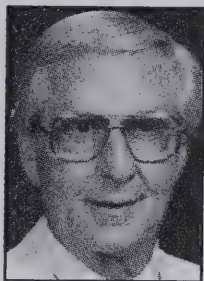
KENDALLVILLE — Gus R. Johnson, 78, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

He was born at Wolf Lake on Aug. 6, 1922, to Shelby and Cordelia (Bach) Johnson.

He married Arla F. Greenman on Dec. 31, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

He was a car salesman in Kendallville for many years, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Wolf Lake High School and was an avid golfer. He was a member of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club and Elks Lodge No. 1194 in Kendallville.



Mr. Johnson

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Robert, Clebert, Herbert, Leonard and Jack; and two sisters, Jeanette Knafel and Irma Jean Marker.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

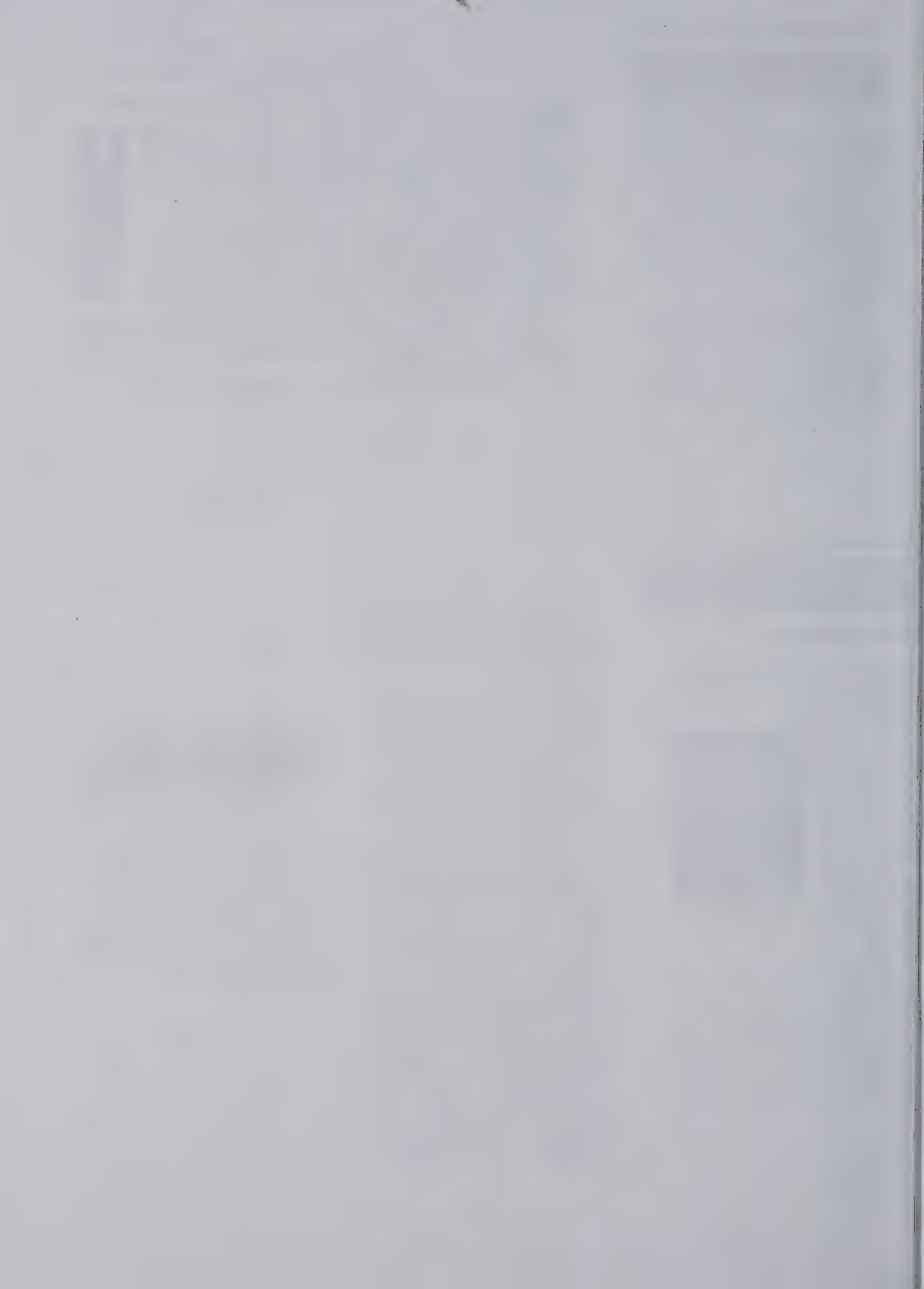
Preferred memorials are to the Kendallville Kiwanis Club, Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center or to Trinity Church United Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Melody and Dan Belschner of Kendallville, and Janice and Ron Williams of Los Angeles; a son, Kevin Johnson of Kendallville; a sister, Mae Cunningham of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a granddaughter and her husband, Crystal and Duane Handshoe of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Corey and Sarah Culler of Kendallville; a grandson, James Williams of Los Angeles; a granddaughter, Debbie Williams of Los Angeles; a stepson, Joe Belschner of Fort Wayne; a step-grandson, Chris Belschner of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Alice F. Templeton, 92, died Wednesday in LaGrange. Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth Runyon Steward, 85, of Churubusco, died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

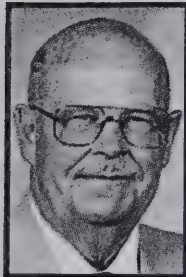


Deaths/Funerals

Duane 'Buck' Keesler

WATERLOO — Duane Lee "Buck" Keesler, 67, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at 8:45 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Keesler was a police officer with the Auburn Police Department for 29 years, serving 13 years as chief. He was employed by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department for the last seven years.



Keesler

He lived in Waterloo and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Sheriffs Association.

He was born Feb. 2, 1933, in Auburn to Henry and Pearl (Riggs) Keesler.

He married Kathrian Clouse on June 8, 1952, in The Little Church in the Garden in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Brian D. Keesler of Auburn; five daughters, Kathy Heffley of Butler, Toni Gall, Lona Nusbaum and Shon Cook, all of Garrett, and Angela Shearer of Auburn; three sisters, Joy Larkin of Greenwood, S.C., Gay Herrick of Butler, and Glee Norden of Avilla; an uncle, Roy Riggs of Butler; 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A granddaughter, Stephanie Nusbaum, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to D.A.R.E., Trinity Lutheran Church or the Children First Center.

Lillian Bowers

AVILLA — Lillian P. Bowers, 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a homemaker and was formerly employed by Youth Service Center. She retired in 1981.

She was born March 5, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Esther

Emma (Walda) Watson.

Surviving are two daughters, Delores McKibben and Martha R. Grush, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Joseph M. Bowers of Mobile, Ala., and J.J. Bowers of Waterloo; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray F. Bowers, in 1992, and a son, Ray E. Bowers, in 1963.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Dr. Jerome McKibben officiating.

Calling is one hour prior to the memorial service.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association of Northern Indiana or Easter Seals ARC of Northeastern Indiana.

Diane Hartman

AUBURN — Diane Hartman, 56, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at 12:02 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hartman lived on Worth Road in Auburn and was a teller at Professional Federal Credit Union in Auburn for 2½ years. She worked in the catalog department at J.C. Penney in Auburn for 14 years. She was a member of the Rolling Pins Extension Homemakers Club of DeKalb County.

She was born Jan. 27, 1944, in DeKalb County to Max and Helen (Buttermore) Klinkle. They preceded her in death.

She married Terry Hartman on Sept. 19, 1944, in DeKalb County, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gregory Hartman of Auburn; four brothers, James Hoff and Karl Hoff, both of Waterloo, John Hoff of LaGrange, Ga., and Steven Hoff of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Sawchuck of Angola; and two grandchildren, Elicia and Paul Hartman.

One son, Bradley Paul Hartman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

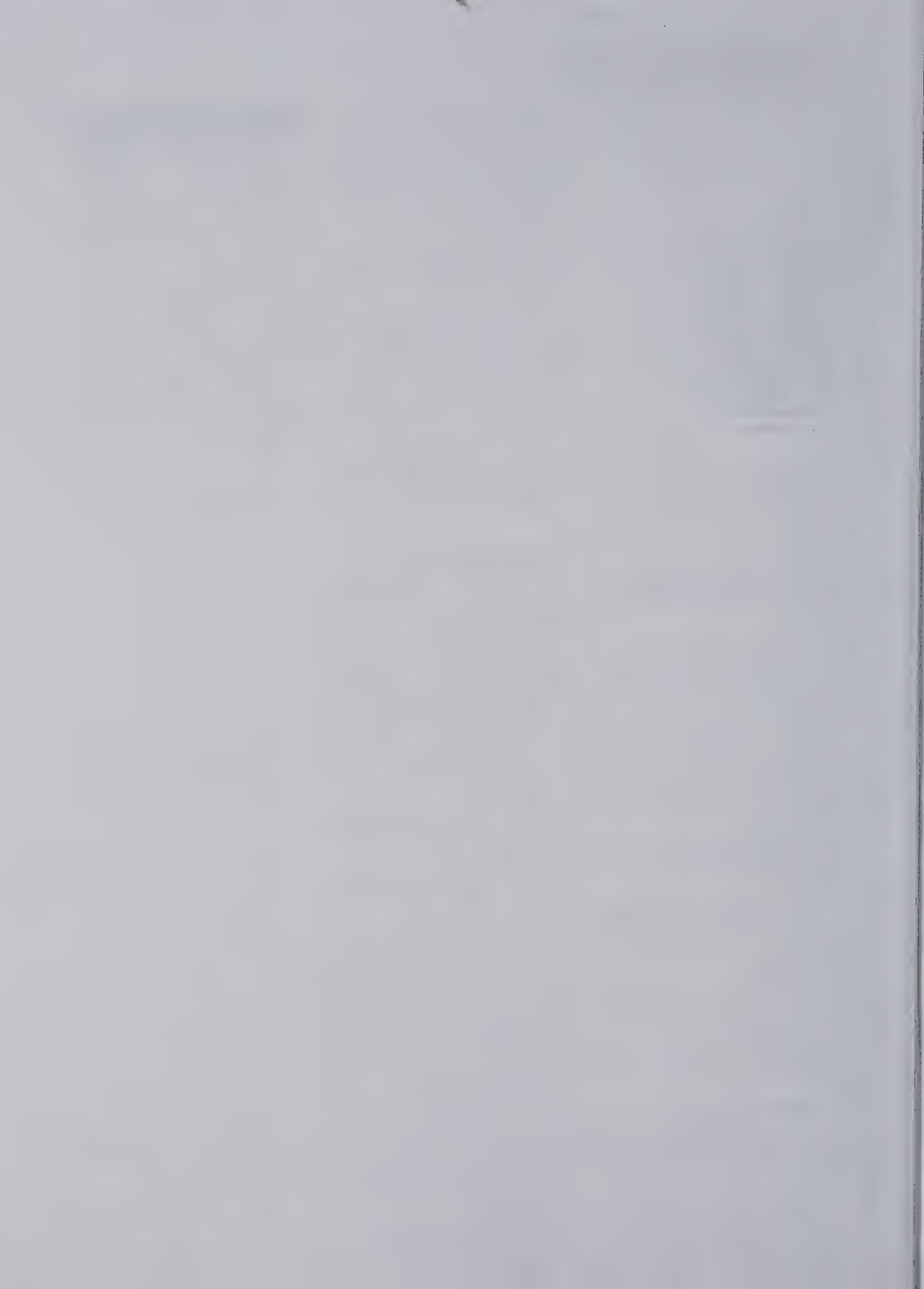
Calling is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth Runyon Steward, 85, of Churubusco, died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — Lois L. Gandy, 88, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Blue River Church of the Brethren, Columbia City. Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before the service at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

David Swartz

HUDSON — David E. Swartz, 49, of Hudson, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Swartz was employed as a salesman at Zollars Communications in Toledo, Ohio. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

He was born Nov. 14, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio, to Earl and Millicent (Bantle) Swartz. He was preceded in death by his father. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

On July 20, 1991 he married Kathy Leemon Swartz. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are one son, David Swartz of Hudson; two daughters, Rebecca S. Wall of Fort Wayne and Kimberly A. Hooley of Etna Green; two sisters, Ann Williams of Angola and Cathy Tracey of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Miranda Davies, Samantha Swartz and Isaac Wall.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Al Wingfield and Vicar Doug Bauman officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday 8-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

Dorothy Latta

BRANFORD, Fla. — Dorothy E. Latta, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at 9:15 p.m. in North Florida Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Latta was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell for 30 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn, McCall United Methodist Church in Branford, Fla., and Telephone Pioneers.

She was born Dec. 12, 1924, in Noble County to Howard and Ruth Mae (Christlieb) Fike.

She married Milton Latta on

Sept. 12, 1954, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Phillip Latta Sr. of Waterloo; two brothers, Glen Fike and Wayne Fike, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Annabel Growcock of Wawaka; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One stepson, Milton Raymond Latta, and one sister, Beulah Critten, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

Robert Hollis

AVILLA — Robert R. Hollis Sr., 81, of Avilla, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hollis had retired from Garrett Flexible Rubber Products and served as custodian for St. Mary's School for several years and as a crossing guard for the Avilla School. He was a lifelong Noble County resident and lived in Avilla for 55 years. A former member of the Avilla Fire Department, he also belonged to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, the Avilla Lions Club, the Garrett Knights of Columbus and the Avilla Chamber of Commerce, by whom he was named a Citizen of the Year.

He was born June 10, 1919, in Garrett, to Andrew and Ida (Richard) Hollis.

On Sept. 29, 1941, in Ege, he married Mary Hosler, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert Jr., of Fort Wayne, Larry of Wolcottville and Jerry of Tri-Lakes; and nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, seven brothers and a grand-

child.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with a Rosary service at 5 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Memorials are to Masses to the church or Saint Mary's Catholic School.

Pauline Chambers

HOWE — Pauline M. Chambers, 88, Howe, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Calling is from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Missionary Church in Sturgis, Mich.



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Paul Baird

SHIPSHEWANA — Paul M. Baird, 62, of Shipshewana, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at his residence.

He was born in Wolcottville March 14, 1938 to Ralph Baird, who preceded him in death, and Hilda (Marks) Baird, who survives. On June 25, 1961 he married Lenore K. Westphal, who survives.

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was director of purchasing at Manufactured Structures Corp. Middlebury. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by a daughter, Michele Goins of Elkhart; five sons, Matthew R. Baird of Topeka, Michael L. Baird of Cedar Springs, Mich., and Mark A., Sean A. and Aaron J. Baird, all of Shipshewana; three sisters, Joan Johnson and Carolyn Betcke, both of LaGrange, and Gloria Atkins of Orland, Fla.; two brothers, Ronald Baird of Elkhart and Jerry Baird of Otsego, Mich.; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services are 5 p.m. Tuesday at Middlebury American Legion Post 210, 103 York Drive, with the Rev. Charles Atkins officiating.

Memorials are to the educational trust fund for Sean and Aaron Baird, c/o Lake City Bank, P.O. Box 40, Shipshewana, IN 46565.

Arrangements are through Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Richard Magnuson

ALBION — Richard Derek Magnuson, 32, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Joseph Rice

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph J. Rice, 81, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at



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Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rice was a major in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, serving from 1941-1947. He also served 28 years with the Air Force Reserves. He

retired in March 1986, after 33 years as plant supervisor manager for Kendallville Concrete.

He was a life member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749 and Elks Lodge 1194, all in Kendallville, and a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge and the Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Feb. 4, 1919, in Coos Bay, Ore., to David and Alice (Guilliams) Rice. He mar-

ried Betty L. Herron on Jan. 6, 1946, in South Carolina. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lana Rice of Kendallville, Tina and Robb Owen of Albion and Erika and Duane Allen of Orange, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Kay Rice of Albion; two brothers, David Rice of Coos Bay, and Charles Rice of Cottage Grove, Ore.; seven sisters, Lou Hansen and Hazel Gilbert of Criswell, Ore., Elsie Wagner, Ada Summerfield and Ellen Ellers of Cottage Grove, Ore., Jean McCaffee of Oregon and Elizabeth Pappas of Arizona; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with graveside military services by the Kendallville American Legion and VFW posts.

William Brinkman

ROME CITY — William F. Brinkman Jr., 64, of Rome City, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at 3 a.m. at his residence after battling cancer since August.



Brinkman

He was a lifetime area resident. He was a route driver for C.M. Donat & Sons in Rome City for 12 years, and worked at Starcraft in Goshen for 20 years. He was currently

employed by the East Noble School Corp. as a custodian at Rome City School. He enjoyed woodworking and crafts and traveled to area shows for the last 10 years. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

He was born Aug. 12, 1936 in Fort Wayne to William F. Brinkman Sr. and Margaret (Walter) Brinkman. On Nov. 28, 1954, in Rome City he married Sally L. Kilgore, who preceded him in death Jan. 10, 1993. In Rome City on May 15, 1998 he married Mari Leech, who survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Donna Brinkman of Rome City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Wendy and Mike Biddle of Rome City and Angie and Mitch Hampshire of Avilla; a stepson, Jay Higgins of Fort Wayne;

seven grandsons, Wade Brinkman Jr., Jason Brinkman, Brice Brinkman, Brian Biddle, Joel Hampshire and Ren Hampshire; a granddaughter, Lacy Hampshire; a great-grandson, Tyler Brinkman; a great-granddaughter, Trisha Brinkman; two sisters, Carol Whetzel of Helmer and Grace Rhea of Fort Wayne; and a brother, James Brinkman of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Ziegler.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Nick Hoot of Rome City officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.



Calvin Sturgis

CHURUBUSCO — Calvin Robert Sturgis, 9, of Churubusco, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a fourth-grader at Churubusco Elementary School and attended Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Mike and Kira Sturgis of Churubusco; two brothers, Grant and Davis Sturgis, and a sister, Miranda Sturgis, all at home; his grandparents, Robert and Karen Wakeland of Columbia City, and Frank and Natalie Sturgis and Sharen Sturgis of Wolcottville; and a great-grandmother, Margaret Wakeland of Plymouth.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Lloyd Morgan

HOAGLAND — Lloyd L. Morgan, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000 at Harborside Healthcare Center, New Haven.

He was born in Venedocia, Ohio, and was in management

and was a foreman for International Harvester Co. for 43 1/2 years.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, John W. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Marilyn Johnston of New Haven and Sallie Elaine Bosler of Angola; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Hope United Methodist Church, Hoagland. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur; and at the church one hour before services.

Memorials are to the church or donor's choice.

John 'Jack' Franks

KENDALLVILLE — John R. "Jack" Franks, 84, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000 at 8:40 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

He was born Sept. 3, 1916 in Kendallville to Carl and Prudence (Redmond) Franks. He never married.

He was a graduate of Oak Park High School, Chicago, Ill., and attended Northwestern University. He retired from the Chicago Tribune as an editor. He moved back to Kendallville to live with his aunt Eloise

Redmond and remained here after her death.

He is survived by a special friend, Dora Shepherd of Kendallville, and a cousin, Hermonia Hassinger of Kendallville.

Graveside services are 11:30 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery.

Arrangements are through Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Marjory Rumsey

ORLAND — Marjory E. Rumsey, 80, of Orland, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, in Angola.

She was born April 3, 1920 in Angola to Beren and Bessie (Kugler) Wilde.

A lifelong resident of Steuben County, she retired in 1987 after 30 years at Dana Weatherhead, Angola.

She is survived by a son, Gerry Rumsey of Angola; two daughters, Connie Gochenaur of Fort Wayne and Marva Spangle of Angola; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services are scheduled for Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Arrangements are through the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

NORTH MANCHESTER — **Oleeha H. Marburger**, 89, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Services are 2 p.m. today at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

WABASH — **Dale V. Gilgen**, 60, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000, at Community Care Center, Wabash. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

WABASH — **Freda L. Long**, 94, died Thursday at Scottsdale Health Care, Scottsdale, Ariz. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Calling is 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Torrey

READING, Mich. — Ralph L. Torrey, 84, of Reading, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at the Hillsdale Community Health Center in Hillsdale, Mich.

He was born Sept. 10, 1916, in Homer Township, Calhoun County, Mich., to Charles and Belle (Abbott) Torrey.

He was married to Lora "Betty" Laney for 61 years. She survives.

Mr. Torrey was a retired farmer. He attended Cambria Baptist Church in Hillsdale County, Mich.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Dennis DeCosta of Jackson, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Leora Torrey of Corunna and Richard and Shirley Torrey of Tawas City, Mich.; a brother, Harold Torrey of Union City, Mich.; four sisters, Grace Carris of Moscow, Mich., Angeline Rininger of Quincy, Mich., Ruthetta Grimm of Hillsdale, Mich., and Joyce Klepack of Quincy, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dean; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich., with the Rev. Don Harkey officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Reading, Mich.

Memorials are to Cambria Baptist Church.

William Brinkman

ROME CITY — William F. Brinkman Jr., 64, of Rome City, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at 3 a.m. at his residence after battling cancer since August.

He was a lifetime area resident. He was a route driver for C.M. Donat & Sons in Rome City for 12 years, and worked at Starcraft in Goshen for 20 years. He was currently employed by the East Noble School Corp. as a custodian at Rome City School. He enjoyed woodworking and crafts and traveled to area shows for the last 10 years. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

He was born Aug. 12, 1936, in Fort Wayne to William F. Brinkman Sr. and Margaret (Walter) Brinkman. On Nov. 28, 1954, in Rome City, he married Sally L. Kilgore, who preceded him in death Jan. 10, 1993. In Rome City on May 15, 1998, he married Mari Leech, who survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Donna Brinkman of Rome City; two daughters, Wendy and Mike Biddle of Rome City and Angie and Mitch Hampshire of Avilla; a stepson, Jay Higgins of Fort Wayne; seven grandsons, Wade Brinkman Jr., Jason Brinkman, Brice Brinkman, Brian Biddle, Joel Hampshire, Ren Hampshire and Philip Biddle; a granddaughter, Lacy Hampshire; a great-grandson, Tyler Brinkman; a great-granddaughter, Trisha Brinkman; two sisters, Carol Whetzel of Helmer and Grace Rhea of Fort Wayne; and a brother, James Brinkman of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Ziegler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Nick Hoot of Rome City officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mildred Harnish

GARRETT — Mildred Harnish, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at 7:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Harnish was a homemaker and a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

She was born March 9, 1917, in Auburn to George and Zadie (Allen) Abel.

She married Harold Harnish in Auburn in 1937. He died in 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Greenfield of Garrett; four sons, William of Toledo, Ohio, James of Butler, Edward of Alliance, Ohio, and Danial of West Fork, Ark.; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Homer Abel, and a great-grandson, Josh Smith, in 1987.

There will be no service or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gary Charles Howard, 51, of Wolcottville, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at 7 a.m. at his home. He had been ill several years with multiple sclerosis. Entombment will be at a later date in Fountain Head Cemetery in Palm Bay, Fla. No local services or calling. Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Deaths/Funerals

Viola Haines

BERNE — Viola G. Haines, 91, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2000, at 6:30 a.m. in Swiss Village Retirement Community.

Mrs. Haines was a homemaker in Berne and member of Domestic Church of Christ.

She was born Feb. 21, 1909, in Adams County to John and Nellie (Cummings) Lusk.

On March 3, 1928, in Berne, she married Virgil J. Haines. He died in 1967.

She is survived by two daughters, Lois V. Haines of Fort Wayne and Janis Bakle of Defiance, Ohio; a son, Ralph of St. Joe; a stepsister, Frances Biery of Geneva; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by three children, Lee, Roger and Twyla Joan Haines; one brother, Russell Lusk; two sisters, Lenora Goodman and Esther Martin; and a stepbrother, John Mason.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Swiss Village Chapel. Pastor Dal Fosnaugh and chaplain Anita Rediger will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Swiss Village Chapel.

Memorials are to Swiss Village, the Woodburn Children's Home and the Domestic Church of Christ.

Derek Magnuson

ALBION — Derek Magnuson, 32, of Toledo, Ohio, died at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2000, at Medical College Hospital of Ohio in Toledo following a sudden illness.

Mr. Magnuson had been a sales representative for Dana Corp. in Toledo the past two years and had worked at Dana in Churubusco for three years.

He was born Dec. 5, 1968, in

Melissa Kidd

AVILLA — Melissa F. Kidd, 32, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at 9:29 a.m. in Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

She was born on July 6, 1968, in Elizabethtown, Ky., to Ernest and Cassie (Colwell) McIntosh. She married William Kidd on May 31, 1986, in Yerkes, Ky. He survives.

She is also survived by two daughters, Paula McIntosh and Sharon Kidd, both of Avilla; two sons, Gary Kidd and William Kidd, both of Avilla; a brother, Sherman McIntosh of Krypton, Ky.; two sisters, Dobbie Hurst of Kendallville and Vickie Herald of Yerkes, Ky.

Visitation is after 6 p.m. today at New Life Freewill Baptist Church, Ashley, and all day Wednesday at the church.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Paul Slone officiating. Additional services will be at 7 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Kendallville, and spent most of his life in Noble County. He was a graduate of Central Noble High School and Ball State University.

He was a member of Cherry Street Mission Ministry in Toledo, and was an active softball player.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Richard and Deanna Magnuson of Albion; his mother and her fiancée, Judy (Freeman) Owen and John Smurr, both of Garrett; two sisters, Tammy Luce and Chris Magnuson, both of Albion; a stepbrother, Scott Perry of Wolf Lake; a stepsister, Christine Gisel of Kendallville; 10 nieces and nephews; and a great-nephew.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Charlie Arms officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Vernice 'Trudy' Ryan

LAOTTO — Vernice "Trudy" Ryan, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000, at 2:23 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 16, 1929, in Martin, N.D., to Dominic and Katherina (Eckert) Wallinger. She married Kenneth H. Ryan Jr. on Sept. 29, 1951, in Chicago. He survives.

Mrs. Ryan was a practical nurse for 10 years in Harvey, N.D., and in Chicago before moving to Noble County. She also worked at Garrett Hospital, and retired in 1991 as a cook for Avilla School.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, vice president of the Elks Auxiliary in Garrett, and a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary in Garrett. She also was very active in the LaOtto Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and served in several offices for many years. She was a loving and devoted homemaker.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Gail and Sue Ryan of Conifer, Colo.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Tim Lute of Kendallville, Denise and Hugh Fischer of Kendallville, Gloria and Ray Martin of Klinger Lake, Mich., and Kay Ryan and Fernando Arata of Miami, Fla.; four grandsons, Weston Ryan of Conifer, Colo.; Eric and Aaron Lute of Kendallville, and Severino Ryan of Miami, Fla.; and four granddaughters, Kara and Kaci Martin of Klinger Lake, Mich., Lyndsi Fischer of Kendallville, and Kalyn Fischer of Kendallville.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, and again one hour before the services.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Garrett Elks Lodge No. 1447, or to the Sturgis Community Pool in Sturgis, Mich.

Jesse Long

LAGRANGE — Jesse R. Long, 68, of LaGrange, formerly of Auburn, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, at 1:36 p.m. at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He worked in Auburn as a factory worker and a school janitor. He served in the National Guard from 1949 to 1953, including during the Korean War. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born May 24, 1932, in Ottawa, Ohio, to William and Virginia (Lumpkins) Long. On Aug. 31, 1952, in Auburn, he married Norma Jean Vaughn, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Randy Long of Peoria, Ill., Stephen Long of Warsaw, and Rex and Jesse Long, both of Auburn; three daughters, LuAnn Middaugh of Auburn, Bonnie Long of LaGrange and Brenda Wilber of Sturgis, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth Rodriguez, on Nov. 25, 1999.

Services are at noon Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Coy M. Banks, 76, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

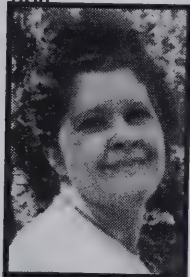
COLUMBIA CITY — Veda Fay Rider, 87, died Monday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary McConnehy

FORT WAYNE — Mary McConnehy, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at Applewood Health & Rehabilitation.



McConnehy

She was a factory worker for Royal Lace of Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1979. She was born June 13, 1916, in Decatur.

Her husband, Leo William Wood, died in 1957.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara D. Wood of Auburn, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia A. Sweet; three brothers and four sisters.

There will be no services or calling. D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Marietta Timmis

AUBURN — Marietta Timmis, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 3:07 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Timmis was retired as a laborer for Hendrickson Suspension in Kendallville.

She was born May 17, 1926, in Tampa, Fla., to Anderson M. and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Sligh.

She married Arthur L. Timmis on April 10, 1955, in Kingsland, Ga. He died May 2, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Timmis of Lima, Ohio, and Harry Timmis of Butler; three sisters, Francis Dallas of Birmingham, Ala., Blanche Foote of Orlando, Fla., and Louise Whitaker of Hernando, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stephanie Timmis.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health.

Jerri Sommers

FREMONT — Jerri L. Sommers, 67, of Fremont, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Sommers was a machine repairman at Dana Weatherhead in Angola and retired in May 1989. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the North American Hunting Club and was a hunting and fishing enthusiast.

He was born April 26, 1933, in Fremont to John and Beulah (King) Sommers.

On June 5, 1951, he married Gladys L. (Walter) Sommers, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brenda Sommers of Fremont; seven sons, David of Kinderhook, Mich., Gary of Montgomery, Mich., and Tom, Robert, Mark, Jeff and Steve, all of Fremont; a sister, Mollie D. Dove of Fremont; a brother, James K. of Dexter, Mich.; an aunt, Doris Graetz of Toledo, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.



Kathleen Blaine

HAMILTON — Kathleen V. Blaine, 81, of Hamilton, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 11:42 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Blaine retired from Warner Gearafter 15 years of employment. She was a member of Butler Eagles 2783 Auxiliary, Butler American Legion Post 202 Auxiliary, Auburn Moose Lodge 261, Garrett Elks, Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star 386, and the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born Nov. 8, 1919, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Ward and Gertrude A. (Hiest) Haviland.

She married Howard Lynn Blaine on Feb. 25, 1940, in LaGrange. He died April 1, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lee Blaine of Hometown and Lynn and Debbie Blaine of Kendallville; one daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Leslie Hayward of Stroh; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Max Haviland, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with Eastern Star services at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Girlye Ward

KENDALLVILLE — Girlye Ward, 66, died at 4 a.m. today, Dec. 13, 2000, at Parkview Hospital after

being in seriously failing health for the past month.

She was a retired factory worker at Handy and Harman, Kendallville. She was a member of Charity United Baptist Church, Stroh, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

Viola McLain

HUDSON — Viola M. McLain, 70, of rural Hudson, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 2:01 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker who had lived in Hudson since 1970. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson, and a member of the Ladies' Aid.

She was born Aug. 29, 1930, in Avilla to Harold and Helen (Klemn) Weimer. On April 16, 1949, in Avilla, she married Kenneth R. McLain, who preceded her in death Oct. 17, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Margo McLain of Ashley and Charlene Cramer of LaGrange; two brothers, Edwin Weimer of Hudson and Harold Weimer of Lincoln, Calif.; four grandchildren, Caroline McLain, Kim Miller, Damon Cramer and Lisa Morris; and five great-grandchildren, Shanna McLain, Robert Holden and Brandi, Jeffery and Jacob Morris.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Kevin, in 1982; a brother, Art Weimer; and a sister, Lucille Weicht.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Wayne Rutz officiating. Burial will be at Prince of Peace Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Calling is 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour before services.

She was born Dec., 3, 1934, in Garrett, Ky., to Milton and Mary (Stanley) Hicks. On March 23, 1954, in Prestonsburg, she married the Rev. John Ward Jr., who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Wayne E., John D. and David L. Ward, all of Kendallville, and Stanley R. Ward of LaOtto; a brother, Wayne Hicks; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Marvin Tuttle and the Rev. Harvey Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Gerald Darr

EDON, Ohio — Gerald A. "Jerry" Darr, 79, of Edon, Ohio, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 9:28 a.m. shortly after admittance to Community Hospitals of Williams County in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Darr had worked at Edon Hardware for 47 years, and was its co-owner with Mel Held for 32 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran, a member of Edon American Legion Post 662, and a 50-year member of the Edon Masonic Lodge 464 F&AM. He was a former chief of the Edon Volunteer Fire Department and served in various positions for the village of Edon. He served as grand marshal of the Edon Daze Parade in 1989.

Mr. Darr was born March 31, 1921, in Edon to Charles and Letha (Ricketts) Darr.

He married Naomi L. Hootman on July 8, 1941. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Van Gehl of Auburn, and Carol and Fred Moore of Defiance, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Kathryn Darr of Dublin, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Weldon Starr of Edon, Ohio; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Ila Disbro and Susanna Willibey, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Ronald Miller officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio, with graveside military rites conducted by Edon American Legion Post 662.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home, with Masonic services conducted by Edon Masonic Lodge 464 F&AM at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — Goldie E. Smith, 95, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville. Calling is 6-8 p.m. today at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.



Deaths/Funerals

Daniel Schurr Jr.

AUBURN — Daniel E. Schurr Jr., 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at 6 a.m. in Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

Mr. Schurr lived his entire life in rural Auburn. He was an assembly worker at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1984. He worked with his wife in construction and farming.

He was born Jan. 6, 1929, in Corunna to Daniel E. Schurr Sr. and Eloise C. (Sliger) Schurr.

He married Peggy J. Hefty on Jan. 24, 1948, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Rebecca Cauffman of Inverness, Fla., Nancy Schmidt of Greensboro, N.C., and Linda Carunchia of Garrett; a sister, Carolyn Thrush of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Daniel and Douglas Schmidt of Greensboro, N.C., and Travis and Katie Carunchia of Garrett.

A private family service will be held. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett on Monday.

Calling is Sunday from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Everett Webster

ANGOLA — Everett Webster, 86, of Angola, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Webster owned Ward's Service in Angola from 1947-55 and the Webster Motel, Angola, from 1953-70. He was owner of the E&L Motel near Fremont from 1960 to Feb. 1, 1977. He attended Angola United Methodist Church and was a Steuben County volunteer.

He was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Belleville, Mich., to Albert J. and Emma (Warren) Webster.

On April 4, 1936, he married Lucille (Tryon) Webster, who preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1998.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lucille Webster and two brothers, Lester and Albert Webster.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas officiating. There is no calling.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Donald Webb

LAOTTO — Donald M. Webb, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Webb had lived in rural LaOtto for 13 years. He was a meat department manager, retiring from Rogers Markets after 40 years. He also enjoyed working for Parkview Home Health & Hospice and, most recently, Kroger markets.

He served in World War II and was an active member of the Salem United Church of Christ, Fort Wayne.

He was born April 24, 1920, in Huntington to Herbert H. and Martha J. (Carl) Webb.

He married Ruth E. Smith on June 16, 1940, in Huntington. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Webb Linvill of Garrett and Susanne Dick of LaOtto; two sons, James H. of LaOtto and Donald R. of Huntington; two brothers, Clifford L. Webb and Lester West, both of Bippus; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Evelyn Burnworth, Marguerite Eckert and Helen Ulrich.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Salem United Church of Christ, Fort Wayne. Pastor Scott Coulter will officiate. Burial will be at Pilgrims Rest in Huntington.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ.

Geraldine Morgan

ANGOLA — Geraldine Morgan, 76, of Angola, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Ms. Morgan had worked at RISE Inc., Angola.

She was born May 20, 1924, in South Bend to Higby and Helen (Roberts) Morgan.

She is survived by two sisters, Betty Wallace of Fort Wayne, and Willa M. Hoston of Syracuse, N.Y.

There are no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Emma Hummer

LAFAYETTE — Emma L. (Holycross) Hummer of Lafayette died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 9:37 p.m. in Home Hospital. She had been in ill health for four years.

Mrs. Hummer had been a cook for Southern Tippecanoe County Schools. She was a member of the First Free Methodist Church for more than 60 years. She was actively involved in the church and enjoyed her family.

She was born Feb. 4, 1916, in Danville, Ill.

She married Aaron Hummer Sr. on Dec. 18, 1937, in Danville, Ill. He died Sept. 29, 1979.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Dale C. and Sharon Hummer of Auburn, Aaron H. Hummer Jr. and Margaret Hummer of Tallahassee, Fla., Dan and Linda Hummer of Largo, Fla., and Bill and Carol Hummer of Danville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sue and Barry Shockey; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Alice Holycross of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Harold and Ann Holycross of Westville, Ill.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Helen Holler of Hammond, Ernestine McDowell of Danville, Ill., and Mabel and Gene Browning of Sarasota, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Janice; a son, Jerry; three brothers, Charles, Herman and Dale (who died Monday, Dec. 11); and a sister, Dorothy.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Hippensteel Chapel, 822 N. 9th St., Lafayette. Mrs. Hummer's sons, Bill and Dan Hummer, will officiate. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the Diabetes Foundation.



Bruce Cantrell

LAKELAND, Fla. — Bruce Cantrell, 79, of Lakeland, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at 3 p.m. in Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Cantrell had lived in Lakeland for 40 years. He owned the Lakeland Dental Lab. He was a member of Unity in the Grove Church of Lakeland and the C.B.I. Air Corps. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Nov. 25, 1921, in Pound, Va., to Alvin and Orpha (Mullins) Cantrell.

He married Doris Stephenson on June 12, 1951, in Decatur, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brent A. of Sylva, N.C.; a daughter, Cheryl Hardy of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Earl, of Charlotte, N.C.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark; two brothers, Carl and Paul; and a sister, Florine Meade.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Dr. R. Larry Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Unity in the Grove Church, 6230 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland FL 33813.

Donald Beltz

KENDALLVILLE — Donald P. Beltz, 83, died at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had lived in Kendallville for 11 years, coming to the city from LaOtto. He retired as an engineer after 17 years with the Penn Central Railroad, later Conrail. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, Huntertown Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, and the Retired Railroaders Association. He loved to fish and hunt mushrooms.

He was born Oct. 8, 1917, in LaOtto to Conrad and Josephine (Gorrell) Beltz. On Sept. 3, 1939, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, he married Mildred Diehm, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Rick Aldrich of Albion; three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Sandy Beltz of Hanover, Pa., Jerry and Connie Beltz of Hamilton, and Gary and Kathy Beltz of Springfield, Ohio; three sisters, Wanita Hart and Margaret Persons, both of Kendallville, and Martha Horn of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Beltz of Danville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Jane Venderley and Joan Wappes, and a brother, William Beltz.

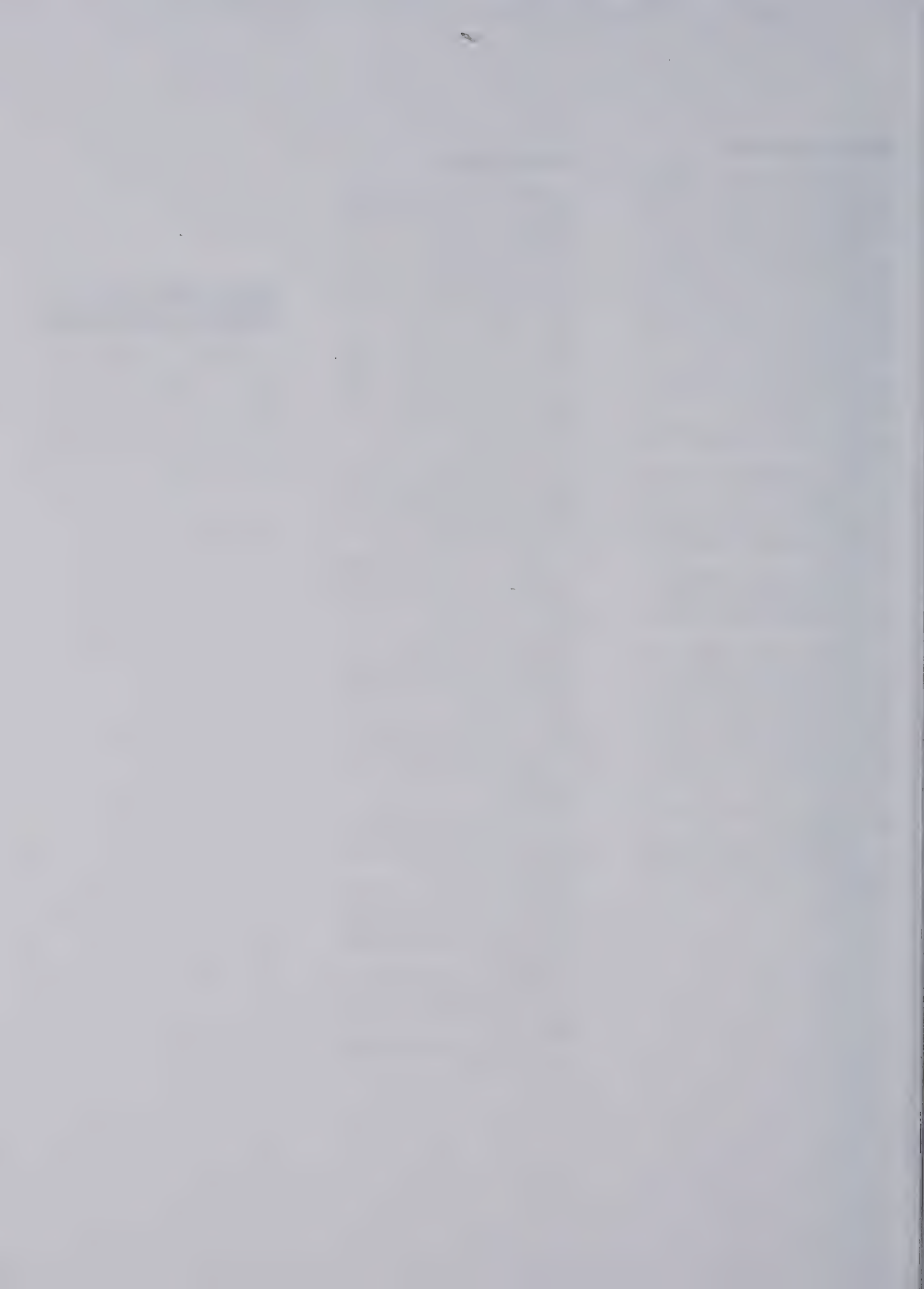
Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and at the church one hour before services.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Geneva Anderson, 74, of rural Ligonier, died Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. at her residence after being ill since 1996. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.



Deaths/Funerals

Harold Carper

AUBURN — Harold L. "Hank" Carper, 73, died today, Dec. 15, 2000, at 2 a.m. in his home on Walden Drive, Auburn.

Mr. Carper worked in the maintenance department at S&S Oil Co. in Auburn for 30 years, retiring Nov. 1.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. He also was a member of Sons of the American Legion, and held a fellowship degree and was a former treasurer of Moose Lodge 566. He was a former member of the Auburn Jaycees.

He was born May 11, 1927, in DeKalb County to Howard and Mina (Mitchell) Carper.

On Aug. 27, 1949, he married Luetta B. Dapp in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Carper of Auburn; three brothers, Aden, Joseph and Ralph Carper, all of Auburn; two sisters, Ellen Sheryock of Fort Wayne and Sally Martin of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Michael, Kristy and Kelly Carper, all of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Robert, Sam and Arthur Carper.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A memorial service will be conducted by the Moose at 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home, followed by a Rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the church for masses or to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Dorotha Loucks

HUDSON — Dorotha L. Loucks, 83, of Hudson, died at 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at home.

She was formerly employed at Farmers State Bank, Stroh, and First National Bank, Angola. She was a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and the Polyanna Club.

She was born July 9, 1917, in Hudson to Charles and Esther (Crain) Whittig. On Feb. 12, 1938, in Hudson, she married Arthur C. Loucks, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Richard Wolf of Fort Wayne and Sharon and Kevin MacKinnon of Delavan, Wis.; five grandchildren, Brian and Todd Wolf, Richard Wolf Jr., and Heather and Andrew MacKinnon; six great-grandchildren, Jason, Nicholas, Allison, Rebekah and Dakota Wolf, and Brian Wolf Jr.; and a brother, Roger Whittig of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Fifer, and a brother, Robert Whittig.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Revs. Craig Burkholder and William Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Jade Tattium Halferty, 2 months old, of LaGrange, died Wednesday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange of natural causes. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ontario Cemetery. There is no calling.

SHIPSHEWANA — Harry L. V. Robinson Sr., 60, of Shippshewana, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his residence. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with calling there 1-2 p.m. Saturday.

OCQUEOC, Mich. — Rev. Robert Lee Carmin, 74, of Ocqueoc, Mich., died Tuesday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Jan. 6 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cheboygan, Mich.

WINONA LAKE — Amy E. Heitman, 92, of Winona Lake, formerly of Warsaw, died Thursday at Grace Village Health Care Center, Winona Lake. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, Warsaw, with calling there one hour before services.



Deaths/Funerals

Norma Chorpenning

HAMILTON — Norma Jean Chorpenning, 64, of Hamilton, died early Friday morning, Dec. 15, 2000, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Chorpenning was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 7, 1936, in Hamilton, to Clarence and Dorothy (Wagner) Hamman. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

On Jan. 18, 1955, in Hamilton, she married John Chorpenning. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are four sons and one daughter-in-law, Gregory and Janice Chorpenning of Hamilton, Jeffery Chorpenning of Angola, Michael Chorpenning of Garrett, and Kevin Chorpenning of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Dale Hamman of Hamilton; a sister, Marilyn Imus of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Cassandra Chorpenning of Hamilton; and five grandchildren.

Her father and a son, Chad Chorpenning, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. David A. Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Wesleyan Church Building Fund or Gideons International.

Darwin Werner

WAYLAND, Mich. — Darwin L. Werner, 72, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at 7:30 a.m. in Tender Care Nursing Home, Hastings, Mich.

Mr. Werner had lived in DeKalb County for 25 years before moving to Michigan in 1957. He

served as an electrician's mate in the U.S. Navy from 1947 to 1952. He went to Great Lakes for basic training and spent his five-year service career in Jacksonville, Fla., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Widbey Island, Wash. He worked for Keeler Brass from 1957-1990.

Betty Lee Clark

FREMONT — Betty Lee Clark, 77, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at her home in Fremont.

She was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Mattoon, Ill. to Elmer and Mabel (Lloyd) Cline Weber.

She married Harold L. Clark on July 10, 1942, in Indianapolis. He died Nov. 10, 1970.

She married Calvin C. Smith on Feb. 14, 1972, in Virginia. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol Clark of Grapevine, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law, Toby and Patricia Clark of Charleston, S.C., and Scott and Kathleen Clark of Mason, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Smith Clark of Columbus, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Susan Grubbs of Richmond, Va.; three stepsons, Clifford Smith and Carl Smith, both of Newport News, Va., and Willie

Smith of Manassas, Va.; five grandchildren, Jason M. Clark, David M. Clark and Amy Clark Nemic and Scott and Mark Sargent; one great-grandchild, Emma Knapp; five stepgrandchildren; a sister, Frances Weber Runyon of Indianapolis; and two brothers, Charles Weber of Tucson, Ariz., and Kenneth Weber of Indianapolis.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Dr. Gregory Chupp, M.D., will officiate.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice.

He was born Nov. 14, 1920, in DeKalb County to Albert C. and Beulah (Gall) Werner.

On July 19, 1953, he married Louise Warner. She preceded him in death on July 19, 1990.

He married Fran Oly in June 1995. She survives in Wayland, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, Duane Werner of Nashville, Mich.; three daughters, Marlene Frizzell of Tennessee, and Judy Werner and Juanita Davis, both of Hastings, Mich.; a brother, Howard Werner; two sisters, Evelyn Miller of Kendallville and Shirley Werner

Evelyn Dowell

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Evelyn F. Dowell, 82, died Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6:34 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Dowell was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville, and a member of the Eastern Star and the Kitchenette Band. She owned and operated the Dowell Grocery Store in Hicksville for many years.

She was born Oct. 7, 1918, in Hicksville to Forrest and Ella (Roan) Monroe. She was a 1936 graduate of Hicksville High School.

On Sept. 1, 1942, she married Robert E. Dowell Sr. He died July 30, 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Dowell Jr. of Hicksville and Steve Dowell of Wheaton, Ill.; two daughters, Brenda Tunison of Villa Grove, Ill., and Lisa Dowell of Hicksville; and three grandchildren.

A son, Burdette Lee Dowell, and a brother, Leroy Monroe, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 3 p.m., and Sunday after 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Shipe of Auburn; three stepchildren, seven grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

A sister, Bernadine Werner Zelter, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Koops Funeral Home, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Calling is Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Jack Gordy

Carmel — 1942-2000

Jack Gordy, 58, of Carmel, a certified public accountant, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Garrett native was an accountant with Firestone Industrial Products in Noblesville for the last 10 years. He had also worked with Navistar in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. He was a member of Carmel Lutheran Church and Indiana Certified Public Accountants Association.



Surviving are his wife, Carol S.; a daughter, Jennifer S. Gordy of Fort Wayne; sons Jack C. of Fort Wayne and James K. of Memphis, Tenn.; his father, John of Fort Wayne; sisters Janet Shroyer of Churubusco, Judith Gordy of Fort Wayne and Jo Ann Gribbens of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nevada; and brothers John and Jon.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials are to the Carmel Lutheran Church building fund.

Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home,
6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.



Kent Turner

COATESVILLE — Kent I. Turner, 56, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Turner was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in Vietnam, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a 1970 graduate of Ball State University and was employed two years as a sales representative for Almo Distributing.

He was born Aug. 23, 1944, in Quincy, Ill., to Lawrence Everett Turner and Marcella (Fey) Turner. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Indianapolis.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl L. (Davidson) Turner; and one sister, Patricia Marriner of Boulder, Colo.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Conkle Funeral Home, Hendricks County Chapel in Avon, with Dr. James Riley officiating. Burial will be in Lincoln Memory Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Glenn Hall

FREMONT — Glenn B. Hall, 55, of Fremont, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was born July 8, 1945, in Pikeville, Ky., to Squire and Emma (Sword) Hall. They preceded him in death.

He worked as a machinist at Ingersoll-Rand in Angola.

Surviving Mr. Hall are two sons, Derrick Hall of Virginia and Patrick Hall of Angola; and three grandchildren.

Services are planned for Thursday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery in Montgomery, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Samuel Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Samuel V. Miller was stillborn at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Surviving are his parents, Vernon and Esther (Wingard) Miller; three brothers, Aden V. Aaron V. and Raymond V. Miller, all at home; grandparents Raymond and Dora Wingard of Shipshewana, and Alvin S. and Mary Miller of Middlebury; and great-grandparents Sam and Mabel Miller of LaGrange, and Anna Schrock of Middlebury.

Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents, Joseph and Nora Wingard, Sam J. Schrock, and Jonas N. and Susie Miller.

The family will be having services Monday at their home, with Bishop Ervin D. Bontrager of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Shipshewana. No calling.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Galon

ANGOLA — Doris Galon, 77, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Galon was born Aug. 17, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a homemaker and volunteered at the Steuben County Humane Shelter, Pokagon Nature Center and the Angola Carnegie Library.

Her husband, Alfred Galon, preceded her in death on April 9, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Galon of Hudson, Ohio, and Philip Galon of Hawaii; a daughter, Barbara Clark of Richardson, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with burial following at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will take place one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.



Caddie Amsler

MARSHALL, Mich. — Caddie L. Amsler, 75, of Marshall, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at his home. He lived in Rome City, Ind., until recent-

ly moving to Marshall.

He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Kenton, Ohio, to Vernon and Goldie (Gallant) Amsler. He was raised in Kenton until moving to Eckford in 1936 and later to Rome City.

On Dec. 29, 1982, he married Hazel Robinson in Rome City. She survives. Mr. Amsler was divorced from his first wife, Dorene Olds.

Mr. Amsler retired in 1981 from Eaton Corp. where he worked as a machinist.

He served as a chaplain for the Rome City American Legion post, and at the VFW post in Marshall. He enjoyed working in his yard, fishing, gardening, word search puzzles and spending time with his family and his dog, "Tuffy."

Surviving with his wife are two sons and a daughter-in-law Allie and Janet Amsler of Edgemoor, S.C., and Floyd Amsler of Kendallville; three stepsons, Aaron Blowers of Kendallville, Chris Baker and his wife, Emily, of Marshall, and Armand Lawrence and his wife, Lorraine, of Grayling; two stepdaughters, Vickie Becerra and her husband, Mario, of Marshall, and Denise Kenney and her husband, Bill, of Louisville, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Vernon Amsler of Tekonsha, and Rolland Amsler of Hobbs, N.M., and two sisters, Ethel Elnora Rapp of Eckford, and Verna Farmer of Marshall.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Amsler, and two sisters, Zenith Pratley and Nancy Kilbourn.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Kempf Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Sandusky officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ida Mae Mishler

SHIPSHEWANA — Ida Mae Schrock Mishler, 94, of Shipshewana died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Mishler was born April 9, 1906, in LaGrange County to John C. and Grace (Miller) Schrock.

She worked as a homemaker and was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

On Dec. 24, 1925, she married Clem C. Mishler in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Burgess of Topeka; two sons, Lester Mishler and Lloyd Mishler, both of LaGrange; a half-sister, Mae Miller of Archbold, Ohio; 35 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Harold Mishler; a brother, Ora Schrock; and two stepsisters, Maude Rheinheimer and Celesta Mishler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Brent East and the Rev. Oliver Yutzi officiating. Burial will take place in Shore Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Aumsbaugh

KENDALLVILLE — Donald H. Aumsbaugh, 80, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at 10:35 a.m. at his residence. He had been in failing health the past five years.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was born on Oct. 8, 1920, in Kendallville to Herschel and Florence (Ferguson) Aumsbaugh. He married Dawn L. Lanning on Nov. 30, 1940, in Albion. She survives.

He retired in 1983 from King Seely in Kendallville, and was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Bonnie Aumsbaugh of Albany, Ga., and Dean and Elaine Aumsbaugh of Harrison, Ark.; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Cloanna Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mr. Aumsbaugh in death were a son, Donald J. Aumsbaugh, a great-grandson, Joshua Aumsbaugh, two brothers, Robert Aumsbaugh and Herschel Aumsbaugh Jr., and a sister, Constance Gifford.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will follow services in Brushey Prairie Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjory Grams

LIGONIER — Marjory B. Grams, 83, of Ligonier, died at 12:04 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at the hospital for five days.

She was born in Noble County on Dec. 18, 1916, to Ross and Lucille (Hire) Harlan. On Dec. 5, 1940, she was married to Joseph Carl Grams in Noble County, who preceded her in death on May 31.

Mrs. Grams spent most of her

married life in Ligonier.

She spent her formative years in the Albion area, and graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School.

She was employed at Sorg Printing in Ligonier for 16 years, retiring from there in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Grams of Churubusco; a son, Jerry Grams of Altona; a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Evelyn Harlan of Avilla; a sister-in-law, Dorcile Harlan of Albion; five grandchildren, Melissa Boersema Forte, Columbus, Ohio, Joe Boersema, Amanda Boersema, Justin Boersema and Travis Grams, all of Churubusco; and a great-grandson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Sewelin

WATERLOO — Marjorie Sewelin, 77, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Sewelin was a homemaker and member of Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 10, 1923, in DeKalb County to Merrit and Hilda (Crooks) Williams.

She married Ernest R. Sewelin on May 16, 1942, in Waterloo. He died Oct. 22, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Larry Sewelin of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Ann Cornelius of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Barbara Pepple of Auburn; three brothers, Victor Williams of Auburn, Eugene Williams of Waterloo and Roy Williams of Plymouth, Ohio; one sister, Emma Trenary of St. Joe; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

N.J. 'Jimmy' Everidge

STROH — N.J. "Jimmy" Everidge, 58, of rural LaGrange, died at 11:17 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, in the emergency room of Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He had lived in the area since 1957, coming here from Knoll County, Ky. He was a self-employed truck driver. He was a member of the Church of God, Stroh.

He was born Sept. 14, 1942, in Perry County, Ky., to Otis and Stella (Owens) Everidge. On March 13, 1961, in LaGrange, he married Ada Mae Everage, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carla and Jeff Matas of Connellsville, Pa., and Sheila and Kent Waterhouse of Raleigh, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Hannah M. Everidge of Helmer; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Nan Everidge and Clyde and Gloria Everidge, all of Stroh; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Morris Combs of Stroh; another sister-in-law, Colleen Everidge of Stroh; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Church of God, Stroh, with the Rev. Loyd Jury officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and at the church an hour before services.

Memorials are to the Church of God, Stroh.



David Osmun

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — David E. Osmun, 48, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000, at 10:10 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Osmun owned and operated Mobile Computer Services in Hicksville and worked at Trident Corp. in Hicksville for 17 years. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. He was a musician and a British sports car enthusiast.

He was a member of Hicksville First Church of Christ. He lived in Hicksville and graduated in 1970 from Hicksville High School.

He was born July 19, 1952, in Hicksville to Harold and Lucille (Carwile) Osmun. His mother survives in Hicksville and his father is deceased.

He married Deannie Gaston in

October 1980 in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Amanda of Hicksville, and Brandi and Rhandi, both at home; one brother, Hal Osmun of Hicksville, two half-sisters, Sharon Gorrell of Las Vegas, Nev., and Linda Colsen of Bradenton, Fla.; and one granddaughter.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Ken Wellman, minister of the First Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, with military graveside services conducted by the Hicksville posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to St. Jude's Hospital.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Ida Elaine Mullet**, one month and two days old, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at John Kuhn's residence, 3725S - 250W, LaGrange. Calling all day Wednesday at the Kuhn residence.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **R. Donald Dallas**, 93, of Wolcottville, died Monday. Services at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling after 10 a.m.

HOWE — **Isabelle Irene Shoup**, 72, of Howe, died at 9:52 a.m. Monday. She was owner and funeral director at Shoup Funeral Home in Howe along with her husband until 1980. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at St. James Episcopal Chapel, Howe. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Shoup-Carney Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

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James McIntyre

AUBURN — James H. McIntyre, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at 1:25 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McIntyre was self-employed in the heating and air conditioning business. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a recipient of the Bronze Star.

He was a lifetime resident of Auburn and a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and trustee. He was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and the Auburn Rotary Club, for which he was a past president. He was a director for DeKalb Memorial Hospital, DeKalb County Humane Shelter, and the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society. He was a director and trustee of the YMCA of DeKalb County. He was a member of DeKalb County Big Brothers Big Sisters.

He was born Sept. 16, 1922, in Auburn to Harry and Harriette (Casey) McIntyre. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are two sons, James C. McIntyre of Annapolis, Md., and William C. McIntyre of Palm City, Fla.; one daughter, Shelley McIntyre Draper of Melrose, Maine; and four grandchildren, Kristen, Katie, Casey and Jamie McIntyre.

Services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside rites by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Tuesday, Dec. 26, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the YMCA of DeKalb County.

Leon Creager

HAMILTON — Leon F. Creager, 76, died on the morning of Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Creager was a truck driver for Ringle Express for 15 years and lived in Hamilton. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

He was born Sept. 26, 1924, in Hamilton to Lemuel and Nellie (Winebar) Creager.

He married Janice V. Burch on Dec. 23, 1944, in Steuben County. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Cecil of Fremont, Robert of Hudson, Dale of Hamilton and Roger of Angola; four daughters, Patricia Lee of Auburn, LuAnn Barnes of Gallatin, Tenn., and Martha Adams and Carol Winkler, both of Angola; one brother, Eugene Creager of Louisville, Ky., two sisters, Doris Mayer of Angola and Blanche Boyce of Pleasant Lake, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Roll of the Pentecostal Church of God in Angola. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Michael Schmidt

PLEASANT LAKE — Michael Dean "Mike" Schmidt, 48, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at 6:04 p.m. in Methodist Hospital-Clarian Health Care in Indianapolis.

Mr. Schmidt was employed by Hartford Concrete in Ashley. He had worked for Hartford City Overhead Door Co. for 24 years. He moved to Pleasant Lake in May from Hartford City. He lived most of his life in Blackford County.

He was born July 17, 1952, in Montpelier, Ind. His father and stepmother, Kenneth and Nina Schmidt, survive in Montpelier. His mother, Betty (Michaels) Schmidt, preceded him in death on Sept. 19, 1988.

He married Patricia Irene Coons on Oct. 16, 1983, in Hartford City, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jaime R. and Josh Charnley of Hartford City, Annette I. and Daniel Smith of Auburn, and Cynthia R. Cagle of Waterloo and her fiancé, Joe Snyder; one son, Cory Michael Schmidt of Hartford City; two brothers, David Schmidt and Thomas Schmidt, both of Montpelier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Larry Ellison, and Sherry and Truman of McClain, all of Montpelier; five grandchildren, Joshua and Jordan Charnley, Annessa Smith and Drae and Dylan Cagle; several nieces and nephews, and his mother-in-law, Mildred Inez Coons of Hartford City.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City, with calling after 8 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd Hall will officiate. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, P.O. Box 88-541, Chicago IL 60680-1541.

Ben Jones Jr.

ANGOLA — Ben O. Jones Jr., 84, of Angola, died at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones was a self-employed real estate developer and president of Sleco Inc., retiring five years ago because of illness. He also was a salesman for Canton Hardware for 22 years and a salesman for 10 years with Continental Oil.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Steuben County and was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236. He served with the Fifth Marine Division (amphibious) in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Birmingham, Ala., to Ben and Mattie Jones.

On July 20, 1942, he married Virginia (Wiley) Jones, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Edward Jones of High Point, N.C., Ben O. Jones III of Bluffton, and Terry Jones of Angola; three daughters, Karen Mashburn of Miami, Shirley Watson of Lainsburg, Mich., and Virginia "Dee" Fraley of Cecil, Ohio; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers, Duane and Bob Jones, both of Weirton, W.Va., and two sisters, Lois Platt and Helen Watters, both of Weirton.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter and two brothers, Tom and Wilson Jones.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating.

Calling is from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the church. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home.

Marvin Aldrich

ANGOLA — Marvin R. Aldrich, 65, of Angola, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.



Mr. Aldrich

In 1953, Mr. Aldrich established Aldrich Builders Inc. of Angola, which he owned with his sons, Todd and Mark. He was a member of Angola United Methodist church.

He was born Feb. 26, 1935, in Hamilton to Robert and Sarah (Rozell) Aldrich.

On March 1, 1959, he married Judy (Rogers) Aldrich in Nevada Mills, Steuben County. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Todd and Lisa Aldrich of Angola, and Mark Aldrich of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Jim Freeman of Arlington, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Sharon Aldrich of Angola; and two grandchildren, Sarah May and Anna Marie Aldrich, both of Angola.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

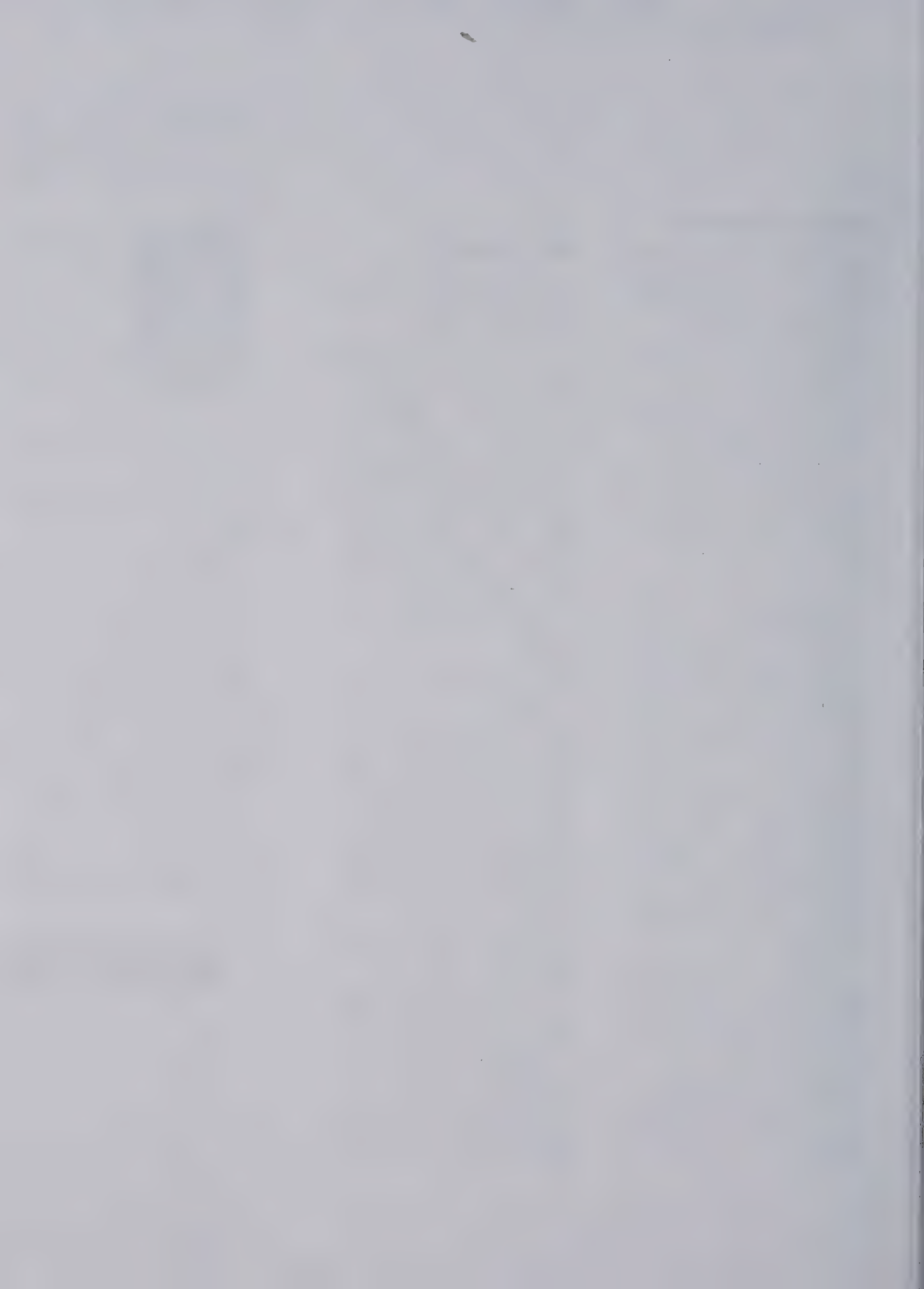
Calling is from 3-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church building fund. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — William Ralph Birch, 82, of Ligonier, died Tuesday in his home. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday with Masonic services at 7 p.m.

GOSHEN — Rosena Yutzky, 81, of Goshen, died Monday at Valley View Health Care Center, Elkhart. Visitation is scheduled from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. The funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the church.



Deaths/Funerals

Vergie Popplewell

ANGOLA — Vergie O. Popplewell, 84, of Angola, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Popplewell was manager of the gift shop and worked at the reservation desk at Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ and the Angola chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 78.

She was born Dec. 22, 1915, in Brethern, Mich., to George W. and Rella V. (Huff) Hollinger.

On Nov. 1, 1963, she married Robert Popplewell, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Sherry Moore of Knox, James and Sharon Moore of Butler, and Richard and Barbara Gibson of Leo-Cedarville; three daughters and sons-in-law, E. Anne and Will Johnson of Chandler, Ariz., Robin and Renard Przmierski of Toledo, Ohio, and Gail and Henry Stroll of Toledo; and 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Cyril Hollinger, and a sister, Arlene Hollinger.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe, the Rev. Ron Miller and the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Friday with a 7:30 p.m. Eastern Star service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Nellie Landrum

ALBION — Nellie Landrum, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. in The Oaks Living Center at Columbia City.

Mrs. Landrum worked for Coil Manufacturing of Roanoke and Fisher Engineering of Huntington. She lived in Albion and formerly lived in Auburn, Hamilton and Huntington. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and its Women's Circle in the United Methodist Women. She was a 1930 graduate of Lagro High School.

She was born Sept. 23, 1912, in Huntington County to Jesse T. and Ivy (Bowman) Rinearson.

She married Harvey L. Landrum on Nov. 27, 1935, in Wabash. He died July 17, 1996.

Surviving her are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry N. and Nancy Landrum of Okemos, Mich., Lawrence E. Landrum of Chicago and Stanley E. Landrum of Albion; two daughters and one son-in-law, Phyllis and Delmer Stetzel of Roanoke, and Sueanna Tullis of Auburn; one sister, Vera Russell of Huntington; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Vaughn and Max Landrum; two brothers, Lester and Lawrence Rinearson; and one sister, Edna Rinearson.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. The Rev. Don Poyser and Pastor Martha Lyon will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Etna Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice, in care of the mortuary at 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington IN 46750.

Elsie Kaiser

KENDALLVILLE — Elsie Mae Kaiser, 94, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at 9 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital. She had been ill since August 2000.

She was born in Green Township on Jan. 31, 1906, to John Arthur and Bernice (Smith) Friskney. Both preceded her in death.

On Aug. 31, 1929, she married Franz F. Kaiser in Toledo. He died March 31, 1988.

She was a past matron of the Eastern Star and a member of Faith United Methodist Church Morning Circle, the Garrett Ladies League, and the Inner City Golf League.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Norma Joyce and Ted Lind of Lombard, Ill.; one son and daughter-in-law, Donald Frederick and Barbara Kaiser of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren, Christine Robertson and Kimberly Kaiser; two stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild, Ethan Robertson; one brother, Ray Friskney of Kendallville; and two sisters, Mary Baldwin and Doris Coffelt, both of Kendallville.

Four brothers preceded her in death, Robert Friskney in 1936, Ralph Friskney in 1967, Carrol Friskney in 1977 and Glen Friskney on Dec. 2.

Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Viewing is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.



Bailey Hall

AUBURN — Bailey J. Hall, 4 months, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at 6:49 a.m. at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital emergency room.

He was born Aug. 15 to Chad Hall and Geneva Stanley, both of Auburn.

In addition to his parents he is survived by a brother, Jordan Hall of Auburn; a maternal grandmother and her fiancé, Ernestine Stanley and Ivan Williams, both of Wolcottville; a maternal grandfather, Walter Stanley of Kendallville; a paternal grandmother and her husband, Pam and Greg Smith of Auburn; a paternal grandfather and his wife, John and April Hall of South Milford; a great-grandfather, Roy Hall of South Milford, a great-grandmother, Charlene Hall of South Milford; a great-grandmother and her husband, Mary and Kenny Henderson of Angola; a great-grandfather and his wife, Lee and Jean Well of California; a great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Webb of Colon, Mich.; great-grandparents John and Loretta Smith of Quincy, Mich.; great-grandparents Willie and Nanny Handshoe of Kendallville; and great-grandmother Alma Williams of Rome City.

Visitation will be today after 5 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville and all day Friday at the church. Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Burial will follow at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

LuAnn Smith

EDON, Ohio — LuAnn Smith, 40, of Edon, Ohio, died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000, at the scene of an auto accident in Edon, Ohio.

She was born in Sturgis, Mich., on May 10, 1960, to David P. and Laura (Irwin) Springstead.

She was a member of the Lake Missionary Church in rural Angola and was employed by Fairway Products in Quincy, Mich.

Survivors include three sons, Benjamin Duong of Irvine, Calif., Jessie Smith Jr. of Bronson, Mich., and Jordan Smith of Edon, Ohio; three daughters, Amie Duong of Woodstock, Ill., Becky Brackmeyer of Union City, Mich., and Casie Turpon of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, Mike Springstead of Kansas and Garland Springstead of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters, Judy Bauman of Bronson, Mich., Brenda Badish of Hudson and Almeda Martin of Edon, Ohio; her stepparents, Allen and Roberta Metzger of Hudson; her fiancé, Allen Ellsworth of Edon, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Friday at Lake Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour prior to services. Burial is at a later date.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — Nellie W. Swartz, 97, of Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Oak Park Cemetery. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

LAGRANGE — Barbara A. Norris, 85, died Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange. Services are Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Visitation is at the funeral home, beginning at 1 p.m.



Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Bergner

GARRETT — Patricia A. Bergner, 67, died today, Dec. 22, 2000, at 3 a.m. in her Garrett home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She had lived in Garrett since 1966.

She was born March 24, 1933, in Terra Alta, W. Va., to Harrison Junior and Clarice (Lewis) Jeffers.

Surviving her are two sons, Mark Bergner and Robert Bergner, both of Garrett; four daughters, Brenda Clark of Garrett, Barb Dove and Kathy Winebrenner, both of Auburn, and Mary Bergner of Kendallville; one brother, Shirrell Jeffers of Canton, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Glotfelty of Oakland, Md., and Regina Karcher of Canton, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Gary and Charles, and one brother, Roy Jeffers, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

The following obituary is being republished to provide additional information.

Bailey Hall

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He was born Aug. 15, 2000, to Chad Hall and Geneva Stanley, both of Auburn.

James DeLong

BUTLER — James Dale DeLong, 38, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at 3:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for five years and lived on South Broadway in Butler.

Mr. DeLong was born April 28, 1962, in Garrett. His father, Donald Eugene DeLong Sr., survives in Richmond, Ind. His mother, Ruth Joy (Smith) Little, survives in Butler.

Also surviving are his wife, Joyce; two sons, Chancellor Dale DeLong and Gage James DeLong, both at home; two brothers, Donald DeLong Jr. and Samuel DeLong, both of Butler; two sisters, Wendy Spryn of Cecil, Ohio, and Cathy Todd of Butler; and his grandparents, Dale and Gertrude Smith of Jimmerson Lake, Fremont.

His stepfather, Joseph Little, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Jordan Hall of Auburn; a maternal grandmother and her fiancé, Ernestine Stanley and Ivan Williams, both of Wolcottville; a maternal grandfather, Walter Stanley of Kendallville; a paternal grandmother and her husband, Pam and Greg Smith of Auburn; a paternal grandfather and his wife, John and April Hall of South Milford; a great-grandfather, Roy Hall of South Milford; a great-grandmother, Charlene Hall of South Milford; a great-grandmother and her husband, Mary and Kenny Henderson of Angola; a great-grandfather and his wife, Lee and Jean Well of California; a great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Webb of Colon, Mich.; great-grandparents John and Loretta Smith of Quincy, Mich., great-grandparents Willie and Nanny Handshoe of Kendallville; and great-grandmother Alma Williams of Rome City.

Services are 7 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is all day today at the church.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Catherine Richards

FORT WAYNE — Catherine Marie Richards, 76, of rural Fort Wayne, died 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at the family residence in Eel River Township. She had been in declining health since November.

As a young girl she moved to the Fort Wayne area with her parents and spent her formative years in rural Allen County. She lived in Eel River Township most of her married life. She was employed as a cook at the Shiloh Reception Hall north of Fort Wayne since 1980. She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

She was born Nov. 15, 1924 in Wabash County to Verlin Glen and Flossie J. (Fairfield) Cox. On July 6, 1940, in Leo, she married Sheldon E. Richards, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sharon Burgess of Huntertown and Karen Kikly and Penny Felger, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Cox, and a sister, Cuma Sterlin.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Lois Watkins and Verlin Haarer officiating. Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc., Fort Wayne.



Dr. Orville Strawser

ANGOLA — Dr. Orville J. Strawser, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in Angola.

A 41-year Angola resident, he was a chiropractor and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the New Life Worship Center, Angola American Legion Post 31 and the National Chiropractic Association of Indiana. He also was a life member of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 45, of LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Orville G. and Bessie (Barnhart) Strawser. On March 19, 1949, he married Gene Crall, and his wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Tom, Tim and Todd, all of Angola; a daughter, Teri Strawser of Angola; a brother, Robert Strawser of Colfax, La.; and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Strawser.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at New Life Worship Center, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Sims officiating. Burial will be in Floral Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the church. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home.

Harold Smith

AUBURN — Harold C. Smith, 83, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at 11 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center.

Mr. Smith lived in Auburn and was a farmer and mail carrier for the Auburn Post Office. He also owned and operated Smith Upholstery for 30 years. He was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 26, 1917, in Auburn to John C. and Anna (Gafken) Smith.

He married Theresa Lee on Feb. 18, 1940, in the Newville Church. She survives.

Also surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, H. Wayne and Susan Smith of Angola, and John L. and Deb Smith of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Julia Dapp of Auburn, and Penny and Ed Ellert of Waterloo; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

One brother, Kenneth, and one sister, Helen Cain, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. Douglas Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Hawlie Conley

LAGRANGE — Hawlie Conley, 71, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He moved from Kentucky to the area in 1947. He was retired from Dalton Corp., Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 28, 1929 in Knott County, Ky., to Coonie and Ada (Collins) Conley. On Feb. 23, 1951 in Garrett, Ky., he married Roseann Bolen, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ella Rodmaker and Theresa Everage, both of LaGrange; four sons, Hawlie "Bud" Conley Jr. of Garrett, Jeffrey L. Conley of Angola and Christopher G. and Todd A. Conley, both of LaGrange; five sisters, Audrey Dowling and Eileen Bolen of LaGrange, Wanita Messer of Kendallville, Geneva Clinger of South Milford and Lorene Penick of Pleasant Lake; three brothers, Vernon Conley of Wolcottville, Clyde Conley of Rome City and Avery Conley of LaGrange; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Conley.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Elmer Hanshew

TOPEKA — Elmer W. Hanshew, 89, of Topeka, died unexpectedly at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He owned and operated Hanshew TV shop on Topeka and worked as a substitute mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office. He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church and involved in the Topeka Historical Society.

He was born Jan. 20, 1911 in Elkhart to Everett and Sabina (Long) Hanshew. On May 11, 1941, in Topeka, he married Violet Brummet, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Charlene Hanshew of Hudson, and a grandson, Eric Hanshew.

Services are at 1 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.



Deaths/Funerals

Alice Bringham

FORT WAYNE — Alice Marie Bringham, 71, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at 6:10 p.m. in Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Fort Wayne and formerly worked in the housekeeping department at Essex Wire.

She was born Dec. 14, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Wilbur and Pearl (Hetzner) Bringham.

Surviving her are four nephews and a spouse, Ken and Carol Kleeberg of Hudson, Stan Kleeberg of Hometown, Mike Kleeberg of Waynedale, and David Bowman of Avilla; and one niece, Diana Seelig of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 4 p.m. The Rev. Sid Short will officiate. Burial will be Wednesday in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery in Rochester, Ind.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Jason Lantz

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Jason Michael Lantz, 27, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at the scene of a train/truck accident in Butler.

Mr. Lantz was born Aug. 11, 1973, in Sturgis, Mich., to Marvin E. and Diane A. Lantz.

His father and stepmother, Marvin E. and Carolyn Lantz, survive in Howe. His mother, Diane A. Urquiza, survives in Florida.

Also surviving are a brother, Brett Lantz of Howe; three sisters, Tonya Yoder of White Pigeon, Mich., and Rachel Lantz and Whitney Lantz, both of Howe; a fraternal grandmother, Esther Kuhn of LaGrange; a fraternal grandfather, Kenneth Lantz of Centreville, Mich.; and a maternal grandmother, Dolores Colpetsir of Sturgis.

A daughter, Shian J. Lantz, preceded him in death on May 28, 1999.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with calling there Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Carlos Church

ST. JOE — Carlos L. Church, 80, of Prescott, Ariz., a former St. Joe resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2000, in Prescott.

Mr. Church joined the U.S. Army Air Corps on Feb. 3, 1941, as an airplane crew chief. He served as a master sergeant of the 1103rd Army Air Force Base Unit until his honorable discharge on Sept. 25, 1945.

He worked at Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe for many years, which led him to begin farming in northern Indiana. He moved to Prescott, Ariz., in 1978 and worked in real estate.

He was an active member of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prescott.

He was born April 14, 2000, in Petersburg, Ind., to Joseph and Clona (Ficklin) Church as the oldest of 11 children.

He married Kathryn L. Sechler on March 29, 1946, in Indianapolis. She died July 15, 1990.

He married Marianne Krestel on Dec. 21, 1991. She survives in Prescott.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lynda Grinde of Hemet, Calif.; a grandchild, Jessica Holdeman of Denver; six brothers, Glen, Leon, Julius and Gary Dean, all of Petersburg, Danny of Mesa, Ariz., and Morris of Florida; two sisters, Margie Abel of Butler and Mildred Harvey of Hazelton, Ind.; a brother-in-law, Frank Sechler of St. Joe; a stepson, Melvin Krestel of Ocean Springs, Miss.; and three stepdaughters, Karen Todd of Ocean Springs, Miss., Michele Scrum of Chino Valley, Ariz., and Barbara Gentile of Kearneysville, W.V.

Services will be held Friday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 302 Washington St., St. Joe, IN 46785.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Rosalind M. Conway

ANGOLA — Rosalind M. Conway, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, in Angola.

Mrs. Conway was born June 15, 1925, in Cumberland, Md., to William and Anna (Daehler) Wilhelm.

On Sept. 11, 1944, she married Robert Conway, who preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1982.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Conway was also preceded in death by a son, William, on Aug. 28, 1978; a brother, Carl Wilhelm; and a granddaughter, Amber Conway.

She is survived by two sons, Gary of Elkhart and Donald of Auburn; two daughters, Donna

Cope of Hamilton and Angie Damron of Butler; two brothers, Clinton Wilhelm and Donald Wilhelm of Bedford, Pa., one sister, Mary Growden of Bedford, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship Cemetery in Centreville, Pa.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of Angie Damron or Weicht Funeral Home.

Roger R. Gilbert

ANGOLA — Roger R. Gilbert, 90, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Gilbert was born in Pleasant Lake on August 24, 1910, to Charles and Gertrude (Ransburg) Gilbert.

He farmed his own land.

Mr. Gilbert married Wilma Ulmer in Angola on Sept. 26, 1948. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, George of Angola and Paul of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Lawrence of Winter Park, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Meyer.

Mr. Gilbert attended Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. He was a member of Odd Fellows and the local Farm Bureau Co-op. He was also an insurance agent for Farmers Mutual.

Services are pending with Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Alvin Bauman

ASHLEY — Alvin G. Bauman, 85, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 3:35 a.m. at Fairview Living Center in Centreville, Mich.

Mr. Bauman was born Nov. 26, 1915, in Fairfield Township in DeKalb County to Henry and Ida (Fenker) Bauman.

On July 23, 1972, he married Grace Everling who preceded him in death on May 12, 1985.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, in 1980.

Mr. Bauman is survived by a son, Robert; and a daughter, Joanne Bauman, both of Sturgis, Mich.

He is also survived by two brothers, Henry of Memphis, Tenn., and Herman of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Robert Lee Bauman and Lisa Marie Bauman; and two great-grandchildren, Cody and Nicki Bauman.

Mr. Bauman retired from the Auburn Foundry and also worked at the Newman Foundry in Kendallville. He was a member of the Moose and Eagle lodges in Kendallville, and also a member of the West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Al Wingfield officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and one hour prior to funeral services at the church.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Phyllis E. Mynhier

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis E. Mynhier, 65, of LaGrange died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mynhier was born on March 7, 1935, to William and Ethyl (Fey) Gottfried in Fort Wayne.

On Dec. 8, 1956, she married Robert L. Mynhier in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Velma Gottfried.

Mrs. Mynhier is survived by two daughters, Laura Kahler and Lisa Mynhier, both of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey of Sturgis, Mich.; three sisters, Laura Miller, Sharon Krall and Ruth Martin, all of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Gene and Richard Gottfried of Fort Wayne, Arthur Gottfried of Hudson, and Gary and James Gottfried of Angola; and five grandchildren.

She is also survived by six half-brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Mynhier moved to LaGrange from Fort Wayne in 1956. She retired from the Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

She was an avid card player and active in the LaGrange County Democratic Party. She was a member of the Clay Township Advisory Board.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert Dexter officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Beatrice Wilson

ANGOLA — Beatrice Alice "Beebe" Wilson, 97, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born April 4, 1903, in Bay City, Mich., to John Phillip and Marguerite (Reinke) Baldwin. Her husband, Volney Wilson, died in 1970.

She was a florist at Cliff House Florists in San Francisco, Calif. and was a member of the Old First Baptist Church, San Francisco.

She was loved by her many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Surviving are two nieces, Joan M. Baldwin Morse of Adrian, Mich., and Dinah E. Baldwin Oberlin of Elmhurst, Ill.; two nephews, John Phillip Baldwin of West Olive, Mich., and Robert James Baldwin of Chandler, Ind.; and one sister-in-law, Carolyn F. Baldwin of Angola.

Services will be at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — Willis O. Hart, 87, died Friday in LaGrange. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — Hayley N. Tuttle was stillborn at 8:43 p.m. Thursday. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

KENDALLVILLE — Harold W. Ott, 82, died Thursday in Avilla. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Calling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and then from 2:30 p.m. until time of service at the church.

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Kenneth Forker

ALBION — Kenneth E. Forker, 81, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 2:15 p.m. at his home near Albion.

Mr. Forker was a lifetime resident of Noble County and Albion and had owned Forker Excavating since 1946.

He was a U.S. Air Force pilot in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Albion, American Legion Post 246 in Albion, FWA Hanger Quiet Birdmen, Model A Restorers Club, Albion Lodge No. 97 F&AM, Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Flying Shriners, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Noble County Shrine Club and Elks Lodge 1194 in Kendallville. He was a former member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Board, serving from 1978 to 1993.

On March 7, 1919, in York Township in Noble County, he was born to Oliver and Faye (Hoffman) Forker.

He married Lucille F. Shultz on Jan. 17, 1942, in St. Mark's Lutheran Parsonage, Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Bill Forker of Kendallville; and a sister, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Brumbaugh of Arcola.

A brother, Paul Forker, preceded him in death in World War II.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services at the church. Masonic services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion or Parkview Noble hospice.

Maxine Collins

HUDSON — Maxine E. Collins, 95, of Hudson, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 8:57 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Collins was a Hudson resident for 35 years. She graduated from Orland High School and attended Valparaiso University for one year. She worked 17 years in Auburn and several years for Lloyd Hamilton in Hudson. She also worked at Tri-State University for 10 years.

Mrs. Collins was a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and the Faith Shrine of Fort Wayne, a 50-year member of Ashley Order of Eastern Star No. 229, and taught school one year at Three Rivers, Mich.

On Oct. 10, 1905, in Orland, she was born to Don and Lillian (Wheeler) Stuck.

She married George R. Adams on Oct. 11, 1926, in Van Wert, Ohio. He preceded her in death. She married A. Russell Collins on March 2, 1935, in Coldwater, Mich. He died July 18, 1962.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Donna Adams, Cassopolis, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Kathryn Johnston, Oraville, Calif.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-

grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Samuel G. Adams; a stepdaughter, Shirley Aldrich; a stepson, A.J. Collins; a sister, Ellen Stoldt; and a brother, George Stuck.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Home Health Care or the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Ruth Blankenship

LAGRANGE — Ruth Blankenship, 73, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 12:50 a.m. at her residence.

She had retired from Grumman Olson in 1985.

She was born Dec. 9, 1927, in Van, W.Va., to Barth and Belle (Alley) Gayheart.

She married Henry Blankenship on Oct. 18, 1944, in McDowell, Ky. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Tony Prior, LaGrange, and Linda and Pete Pierson, Bronson, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dallas Blankenship Sr. and Patricia Blankenship, Sherwood, Mich., and Rodney and Theresa Blankenship, LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Dixie and Charlie Herby, Mansfield, Ohio,

Zettia and Jim Brewer, Burr Oak, Mich., and Ruby Tackett, Covington, Ky.; four brothers, Delbert of Shelbyville, Ind., Alvin of Beech Grove, Ind., Daniel of Christianburg, Ohio, and Refford of Mongo; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at United Zion Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins and Robert Slone officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is at the church Tuesday after 4:30 p.m., all day Wednesday, and Thursday until the service.

Memorials are to Hospice of LaGrange County. Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Clifford Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Clifford H. Johnson, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 12:18 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked for Brooks Construction for 30 years, and retired in 1997. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army in Korea.

He was born June 26, 1933, in Auburn to Herbert LeRoy and Madonna M. (Roland) Johnson.

Surviving are two brothers, Estell Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., and Donald Johnson Sr., Waterloo; and two sisters, Charlotte Johnson, Waterloo, and Barbara Crow, Frontier, Mich.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Patricia Ann and Margaret Johnson.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with John W. Kinsey officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Hayley Tuttle

KENDALLVILLE — Hayley N. Tuttle was stillborn at 8:43 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at Parkview Hospital.

Her parents, Carlie and Aimee (Neat) Tuttle, survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a brother, Samuel Tuttle of Kendallville; a paternal grandfather, Carlie Tuttle Sr. of Topeka; a maternal grandmother, Carolyn Stemen of Fort Wayne; a maternal grandfather, William Neat of Fort Wayne; great-grandparents Sam and Kate Newman of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandmother, Lee Neat of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Enos Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Enos F. Miller, 81, of Middlebury, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 7:45 a.m. at his residence.

He was a farmer, a member of the Old Order Amish and moved to the Middlebury area in 1938.

On Nov. 10, 1919, in Summer County, Kansas, he was born to Eli E.M. and Anna (Troyer) Miller.

On Oct. 21, 1941, in Middlebury, he married Katie Wingard. She preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Levi Troyer and Laura Ellen and Floyd Yoder, all of Middlebury; four sons and daughters-in-law, Perry Jay and Esther Miller, Middlebury, Samuel Ray and Ada Miller and Lloyd E. and Debbie Miller, all of Shipshewana, and Dennis and Pam Miller, LaGrange; a brother, Ben E. Miller, Goshen; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a grandson, Norman S. Miller on Feb. 24, 1999; and two brothers, Sam and Cris Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence at 56667 C.R. 116, Middlebury, with Bishop Ernest W. Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Alvin Bauman

ASHLEY — Alvin G. Bauman, 85, of Ashley, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 3:35 a.m. at Fairview Living Center in Centreville, Mich.

Mr. Bauman retired from the Auburn Foundry and also worked at the Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges in Kendallville and the West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

He was born Nov. 26, 1915, in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County to Henry and Ida (Fenker) Bauman.

Gertrude 'Trudy' Pace

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude B. "Trudy" Pace, 74, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at 11:45 p.m. at home.

She graduated from high school in Los Angeles, Calif., and retired from Dana Corp. at Churubusco in 1991 after 28 1/2 years as a senior inspector.

On April 18, 1926, in Portland, Ore., she was born to Freeman and Helen (Schumacher) Burch.

She married Ralph J. Pace in Utah on April 5, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dale Meredith Pace, Rochester, Ind., and Harold Wayne Pace, Bluffton; a daughter, Jane Smotherman, Avilla; a sister, Edith Bennett, Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Harold Burch, Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Orville and Emil Burch; and two daughters, Rene and Phyllis Pace.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with the Rev. Jack Scowden officiating. Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging.

On July 23, 1972, he married Grace Everling. She preceded him in death May 12, 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Joanne Bauman of Sturgis, Mich.; two brothers, Henry of Memphis, Tenn., and Herman of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Robert Lee Bauman and Lisa Marie Bauman; and two great-grandchildren, Cody and Nicki Bauman.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, in 1980.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church.

Deaths/Funerals

Phyllis Hixson

GARRETT — Phyllis A. Hixson, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 10:05 a.m. at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was president of Hixson Sand & Gravel in Garrett. She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church and its Ladies Inner Circle, DeKalb County Republican Women, Butler Township Home Demonstration Club, and Butler Center Ladies Aid. She was a member and past president of the Women's Federation. She was a Republican precinct committeeman in Butler Township for several years. She was a 1935 graduate of Garrett High School.

Mrs. Hixson was born July 11, 1915, in Garrett to Carl and Ethel (Varrone) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married J. Myles Hixson, who died in 1995.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry J. and Jeri Hixson of Auburn, Raymond A. and Joan Hixson of Garrett, and Carl G. and Patricia Hixson of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Norma and David Fry of St. Joe, Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett, and Connie and Howard Clark of Avilla; one sister, Cleo Talley of Garrett; one brother, Delmar Smith of Garrett; 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 13 step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Spencer; a grandson, Timothy J. Barry; a great-grandson, Timothy David Barry; one brother, Buford C. Smith; and two sisters, Dorothy Brandmo and Eunice Sherrick.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett Presbyterian Church, Youth For Christ, or the charity of the donor's choice.



Mrs. Hixson

Jack Morrow

BUTLER — Jack L. "Whiskey Jack" Morrow Sr., 64, died today, Dec. 26, 2000, at 12:35 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He worked as a well driller for Dunbar Drilling, Stark Drilling and Lane Northern Drilling, retiring April 13, 1993. He lived in Butler since 1973, moving there from Swanton, Ohio, and was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Morrow was born Aug. 3, 1936, in Butler to Merrill Darwin and Nellie Elizabeth (McCann) Morrow.

He married Verna M. Matzinger on July 16, 1966, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving him are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. and Carol Evanoff of Garrett, Carl L. and Barbara Evanoff-Everage of Waterloo, Gus L. and Molly Morrow of Kendallville, Jack L. Morrow Jr. and Carol Morrow of Garrett, and Bruce and Jane Morrow of Woodbury, Minn.; four daughters and three spouses, Melissa S. and Bill Ridenour of Garrett, Shelia D. and Doug Gilbert of Anchorage, Alaska, Olive M. and James Roby Wilson of Butler, and Connie McDonald of Woodbury, Minn.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Linda Morrow of Lions, Ohio, John and Linda Morrow of Monroeville, and Merrill D. and Gloria Morrow of Florida; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Linda Roberts of Lafayette, and Charmaine and Ronald Hubert of Butler; 32 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

John Sholl

BUTLER — John H. Sholl, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at 7:55 a.m. in his Butler home after an illness of several weeks.

He was a farmer his entire life. He graduated from Mark Center High School in Ohio in the class of 1932. He was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Edgerton, Ohio, where he was a past board member of the church.

Mr. Sholl was born July 1, 1914, in Mark Center to William and Olla (Huber) of Sholl. They preceded him in death.

He married Bernice Rohrs in 1937 in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Elaine Moughler of Butler, Carolyn Ferrier of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marlene Embry of Fort Wayne; two sons, Dwight Sholl of Sturgis, Mich., and the Rev. Keith Sholl of Toledo, Ohio; two sisters, Lura Spangler of Bryan, Ohio, and Amelia Renz of Edgerton, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, William Sholl, Eldon Sholl, and Earl Sholl; and one sister, Ila Sharpe.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Don McElwee, pastor of the Edgerton Christian Missionary Church, will officiate. Burial is in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday after 8 a.m.

Memorials are to Edgerton Christian Missionary Alliance Church.



Judge Jack Dunten

LAGRANGE — Jack P. Dunten, 83, of LaGrange, a retired LaGrange County Circuit Court judge, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2000, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was the LaGrange County Circuit Court judge from 1964-1980, when he retired. He was also a former partner in the law firm of Dunten, Dunten & DeTar of LaGrange.

On Nov. 20, 1917, in LaGrange, he was born to Paul R. and Evelyn (Chapman) Dunten, both deceased.

He married Marilyn L. Knauss on June 15, 1941, in LaGrange. She survives.

Mr. Dunten lived all his life in LaGrange.

After graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor of arts degree, he earned an L.L.B. degree from the University of Michigan. This was later changed to a J.D. degree.

He began his law practice in the LaGrange office established by his grandfather, Frank J. Dunten.

Mr. Dunten joined the U.S. Army and served with the 85th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy where he received three battle stars, a field promotion and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star. He was discharged from the U.S. Army at the end of the war with the rank of captain.

In LaGrange, he served as president of the LaGrange Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the LaGrange County Mental Health Society, attorney for the LaGrange Hospital, a member of the LaGrange school board, and LaGrange County Republican Finance Committee.

Mr. Dunten was past exalted ruler and honorary life member of the Benevolence and Protective Order of Elks, a member and past commander of the LaGrange County American Legion Post 215, and a past district vice-commander of the American Legion.

He was post advocate of LeMaster Timmis V.F.W. Post 2383, a member of the 40&8 Society, the Indianapolis Press Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine of the LaGrange Exchange Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Judy Dunten, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a son, Frank G. Dunten, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Shirley E. DeTar, Melbourne, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

A daughter, Karen Blank, preceded him in death in February 1995.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Masonic services will be at 7:45 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

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Deaths/Funerals

Sharon Day

GARRETT — Sharon S. "Sue" Day, 48, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2000, at 9:31 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She worked at Cooper Industries for 13 years, retiring in 1997. She lived on South Lee Street, Garrett.

Mrs. Day was born June 13, 1952, in Hazard, Ky., to Earl and Louise (Combs) Dunn. Her father survives in Hazard and her mother is deceased.

She married Kelly Day on March 14, 1968, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Julie Day of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Chris Davis of Garrett; two brothers, Tyron Combs of Garrett and David Dunn of Hazard; eight sisters, Connie Bock and Nyoka McBride, both of Garrett,

Barbara Combs of Kendallville, Patricia Sumner of Helmer, Debra McCann of Auburn, Regenna Fry of Waterloo, Tina Marker of Albion, and Sandy Dunn of Hazard; a sister-in-law and best friend, Linda Barnett of Garrett; and three grandchildren, Courtney Fritz Davis, Megan Davis, and Mason Judt.

A granddaughter, Kiersten Day, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in Embury Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2:30-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Wee Haven Industries.



Ruth Harmon

ANGOLA — Ruth Harmon, 93, a lifetime Angola resident, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Harmon, a homemaker, served as Steuben County recorder for eight years and worked several years in the recorder's office. She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, a 60-year member of the Steuben County Home Extension Club, a member of the Steuben County BPW, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She also worked as a nurse's assistant for Dr. Donald Cameron at Cameron Hospital, Angola. She was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School and Fort Wayne Business College.

She was born Feb. 25, 1907, in Steuben County to Bert and Mabel (Crampton) Wolf.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy Hevel of Hobart; a daughter, Joyce Hevel of Angola; a sister, Grace Ingledue of Pleasant Lake; two grandchildren, James Hevel and Jodie Tomlinson; and three great-grandchildren, Ashley Langford, Zachary Hevel and Lane Tomlinson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell Hevel, in 1944; her second husband, Clarence Harmon, in 1983; two sisters, Berta McCalpin and Agnes Harman; and a great-granddaughter, Reid Tomlinson.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. and Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Gertrude Crain

HAMILTON — Gertrude L. Crain, 94, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, in the early morning in her Hamilton home.

She was a graduate of Ohio State University with a master's degree in teaching. She was a teacher for 37 years, teaching at Edgerton High School for eight years, Sydney, Ohio, schools for several years, and at Hamilton schools, where she retired. She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma and Retired Teachers Association.

She was co-founder of the Rainbow Preschool at Hamilton United Methodist Church and was instrumental in starting the Hamilton Lake Conservancy board of directors in February 1976, where she was involved for several years.

Mrs. Crain was born May 2, 1906, in Hamilton to Jay and Myrtle (Fee) Learned. They preceded her in death.

She married Gaylord Crain on Dec. 26, 1943, in Hamilton, and he died July 20, 1980.

Surviving her are two nephews and a spouse, Richard and Betty Learned, and Robert Learned, all of Van Wert, Ohio; and a great-nephew, Jimmy Learned of Van Wert.

A brother, Oliver Learned, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Memorials are to the church.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct spelling errors.

Bailey Hall

AUBURN — Bailey Joseph Hall, 4 months, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000, at 6:49 a.m. at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital emergency room.

He was born Aug. 15, 2000, to Chad Hall and Geneva Stanley, both of Auburn.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Jordan Hall of Auburn; a maternal grandmother and her fiancé, Ernestine Stanley and Ivan Williams, both of Wolcottville; a maternal grandfather, Walter Stanley of Kendallville; a paternal grandmother and her husband, Pam and Greg Smith of Auburn; a paternal grandfather and his wife, John and April Hall of South Milford; his great-grandparents, Roy and Charlyene Hall of South Milford; a great-grandmother and her husband, Mary and Kenny Henderson of Angola; a great-grandfather and his wife, Lee and Jean Webb of California; a great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Webb of Colon, Mich.; great-grandparents John and Loretta Smith of Quincy, Mich.; great-grandparents Willie and Nanny Handshoe of Kendallville; and great-grandmother Alma Williams of Rome City.

Services were Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville. Burial was at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Thorne

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Lou Thorne, 54, of Coldwater and formerly of Fremont, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000, at Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater.

Mrs. Thorne was head cashier at Jo Jo's Variety Store in Fremont.

She was born Oct. 16, 1946, in Coldwater to Orval Bill and Myrtle (Long) Gleason. Her mother survives in Fremont.

On July 27, 1968, she married Charles Thorne, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and grandson, Tammy Ruth Gundrum of Crystal River, Fla.; a daughter, Chyann Remona Gollnick of Reading, Mich.; four sons, Charles Randall Thorne and Carl J. Thorne, both of Coldwater, Clifford Anderson Thorne of Sturgis, Chad Cimeron Thorne of Coldwater; 12 grandchildren; three sisters, June Musser of Angola, Joyce Gray of Angola, and Lois Petre of Fremont; and three brothers, Robert, Ben and Jim Gleason, all of Fremont.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Lockwood Community Church, Coldwater, with calling there from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Lockwood Community Church. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Fred Work

ORLAND — Fred S. Work, 93, of Orland and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Work was a coil winder at Wabash Magnetics in Huntington. He enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Orland.

He was born April 4, 1907, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Sadie (Smith) Work.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Jean Ostrander of Orland; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta P. (Bendele) Work, on May 23, 1998, and his daughter, Delores Troyer in 2000.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating.

Memorials are to the Church of the Nazarene, Orland. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Ronald McCoy, 71, died Sunday at a Dwart, Calif., nursing home. No services. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

LIGONIER — Gertrude Rollins, 75, died Monday at Parkview Noble hospital in Kendallville. Private services.

SYRACUSE — Virginia V. Miller, 80, died Monday. Services Friday at 10 a.m. at Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, with calling there Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

GOSHEN — Alverda M. Folker, 78, died Tuesday in Goshen. Services at 10 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, with calling there Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mary Roudabush

WATERLOO — Mary Ellen Roudabush, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at 4:33 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She lived in rural Waterloo and formerly worked for the law firm of Newcomer & Shaffer in Bryan, Ohio. She also formerly worked as a secretary for the Williams County Extension office in Bryan. She retired in 1991 from Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, where she had worked for 20 years.

She was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley, where she was a past deacon and served as editor of the church newsletter.

Mrs. Roudabush was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Champaign, Ill., to Fred and Bertha (Knott) Lovetinsky. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Morton in June 1947, and he died in March 1963. She then married Allen Jack Roudabush on Nov. 11, 1968, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Steven Webster of Wauseon, Ohio; one brother, Earl Lovetinsky of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Rachel Grim and Patsy Zigler, both of Bryan; and four grandchildren, Matthew, Elizabeth and Michael Webster, and Nathaniel Allen Mumma.

One daughter, Katherine Mumma, and one sister, Martha Gorom, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dorothy Ritchey Moore officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery in Bryan.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren or Heimach Senior Center.

Gordon Rowlader Jr.

ANGOLA — Gordon "Wes" Rowlader Jr., 46, of Angola, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Rowlader was director of safety and environmental services at Vestil Manufacturing in Angola. He was past president of the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Steuben County Industrial Guild.

He was born June 15, 1954, in Cherry Point, N.C., to Gordon W. Rowlader Sr. and Dolores Greening.

On Dec. 17, 1976, he married Pauline Rowlader, who survives at home.

Also surviving are his mother and step-father, Dolores and Harold Ackerman of Napoleon, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Alex, at home, and Gordon W. and Jami Rowlader III of Huntington; four sisters, Becky Conaway of Angola, Rhonda Elliott of Kingsley, Mich., Linda Pike of Tecumseh, Mich., and Connie Toal of Post Falls, Idaho; and a brother, Randy Rowlader of Anchorage, Alaska.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. today at Sonlight Community Church, Angola, with Pastor Joe Everly officiating. Burial will be in Horton Cemetery, Horton, Mich.

Calling is from 5-6 p.m. today at the church.

Additional services also will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nichols-Arthur Funeral Home, Michigan Center, Mich., with calling there from 6-9 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Alex Rowlader Education fund, c/o Key Bank, Angola. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Lucille Carroll

AVILLA — Lucille R. Carroll, 99, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Chicago on July 24, 1901, to John M. and Catherine (Haley) Carroll. She never married.

She worked for the City of Chicago in the mayor's office for more than 30 years, and was a school teacher for 10 years prior to that.

Miss Carroll worked as a volunteer for the Salvation Army well into her 90s, and was queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago.

Albert Thrush

GARRETT — Albert H. "Bert" Thrush, 86, died today, Dec. 28, 2000, at 1:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was a tool-and-die maker and supervisor at Indiana Wire & Die Co. in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett, where he served as chairman of the board for eight years. He was a member of Huntertown Masonic Lodge and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was a former Butler Township Republican precinct committeeman and Butler Township Advisory Board member. He was a former chairman of the DeKalb County 4-H Auction.

Mr. Thrush was born Aug. 28, 1914, in Garrett to Walter and Inez (Heitz) Thrush. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorothy Lytle on Dec. 3, 1938, in Plymouth, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Denny and Sherry Thrush of Garrett; one brother, Jack Thrush of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Diana Thrush of Garrett; two grandchildren, Craig Alan Thrush and Todd Dennis Thrush; and three great-grandchildren, Nathaniel James, Savannah Jordan and Dalton Dennis Thrush.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Curtis Brincefield of Altarstar United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

She is remembered as meeting every challenge with a cheerful attitude.

She is survived by one sister, Eileen Carroll of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews including William and Joyce Goggin of Garrett, Rosemary Presswood of Fort Wayne, Katherine Goggin of Skokie, Ill., Megan Gaughan of Fort Wayne and Patrick Goggin of Ashley.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Joseph Gaughan officiating.

Visitation is at the church one half-hour prior to the services. Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Home, Kankakee, Ill.

Ralph Rodman

CROMWELL — Ralph M. Rodman, 85, of Cromwell died at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in Kingston Health Center of Ligonier.

Mr. Rodman was born May 21, 1915, in Noble County to Frank and Eva (Hanson) Rodman.

A retired laborer, Rodman worked 17 years at Auburn Foundry and 15 years at Newnam Foundry. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and enjoyed auctions and horse sales.

He is survived by five sons, James L. Rodman of Claypool, Thomas Rodman Sr. of Wawaka, Albert D. Rodman of Kendallville, Jeffery L. Rodman of Garrett and Dicky W. Rodman of Kendallville; two daughters, L. JoAnn Hapner of Syracuse and Betty J. Stephens of Columbia City; three sisters, Mary Keller of Kendallville, Pauline Meyers of Ari, and Wave Duckworth of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Kenneth Rodman of Corunna and Howard Rodman of Ligonier; 27 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, "Butch" Glade Rodman, in 1991.

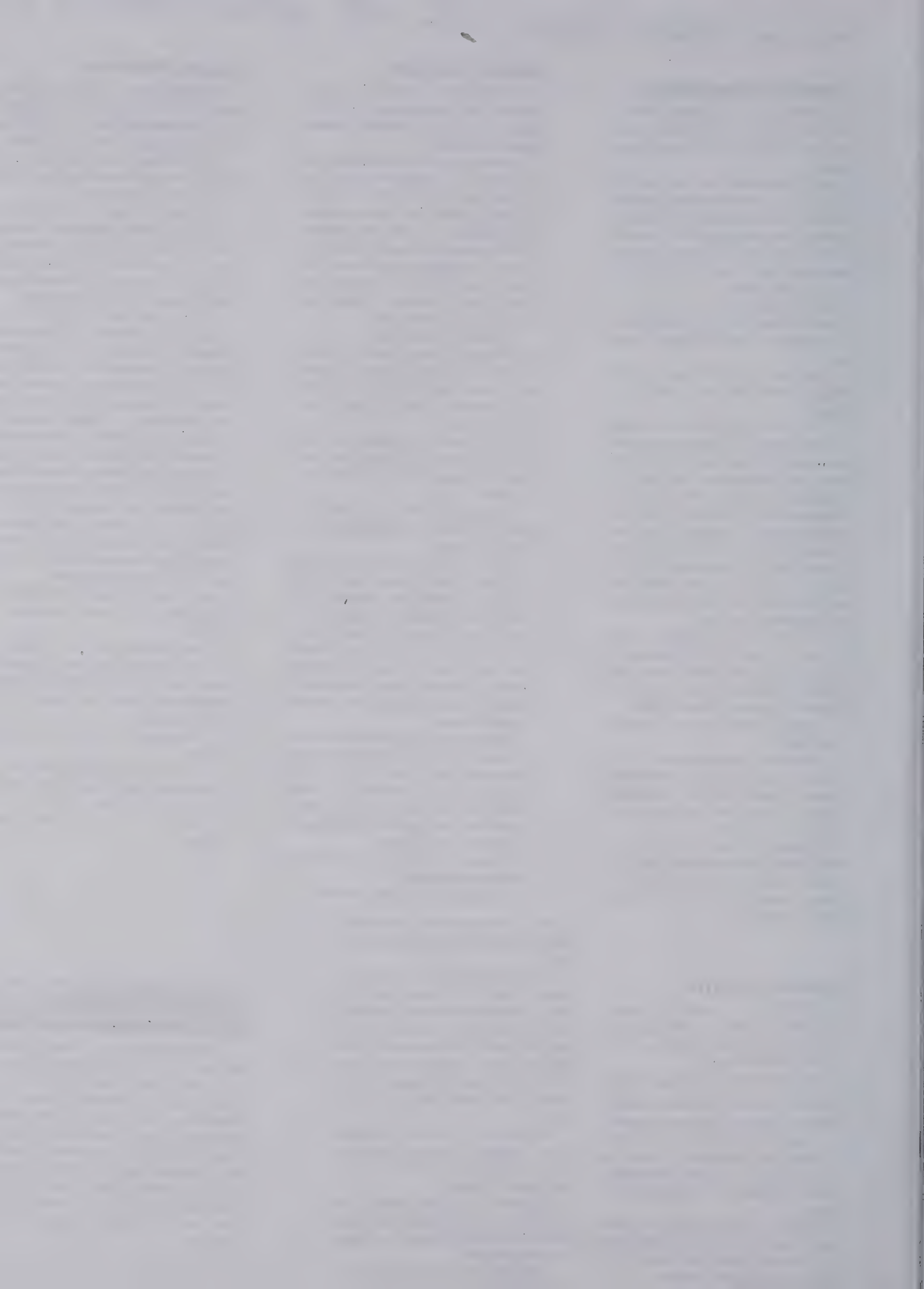
Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Chris Dare officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association, Noble County Cancer Services or Cromwell United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — Bessie Ann Bryie, 104, of Churubusco died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center of Columbia City. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ege Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Visitation if 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, followed by a rosary service at 7 p.m., at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.



Deaths/Funerals

James Stebing

AUBURN — James E. Stebing, 76, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2000, at 4 p.m. in Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Stebing was a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II. He was employed with the Auburn Electric and Water Department for 23 years, retiring in 1984.

He was born in Auburn on March 25, 1924, to Michael and Martha (Mitchell) Stebing. Both are deceased.

He is survived by three sisters, May Reid of Jenoa, Ohio, Barbara N. Luke of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mina Dellauder of Auburn; one brother-in-law, Rollie Reeder of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Stebing of Leo and Lois Stebing of Auburn; several nieces and nephews and long-time companion, Bea Billow.

Six brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with calling Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials to the SeniorPak program at the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Violet Wood

LAGRANGE — Violet A. Wood, 86, of LaGrange, died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000 at home.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

She was born April 26, 1914 in Wolcottville to Francis and Laura (Sailors) Ringler. On Dec. 30, 1937 in Valentine she married Devear E. Wood, who preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diana and Howard Speicher and Carolyn Szapkiw, all of LaGrange, and Nancy and John Purcell of Sturgis, Mich.; four sisters, Nyla Burkey of Wolcottville, Laura Bowdish and Joan Rossman of Sturgis, and Helen Busk of Reed City, Mich.; three brothers, Paul Ringler of Paulding, Ohio, Warren Ringler of Auburn and Donald Ringler of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Eugene Wood, in 1947; a grandson; four brothers; and a sister.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Richard Frederick presiding. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Velma E. Tatman**, 77, died Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing

Home, Kendallville. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 East, New Haven, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Barbara S. Ferguson**, 65, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. No calling.

MILFORD — **Frank Beer Jr.**, 79, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wawasee Community Bible Church, Syracuse. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Eastlund Funeral Home — Mishler Chapel, Milford.

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Leroy C. Kreider**, 95, died Wednesday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with calling there 3-7 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Jane Petre

ANGOLA — Mary Jane Petre, 75, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a weigh clerk at State Line Sand and Gravel, Fremont.

She was born June 9, 1925, in Wells County to Harold D and Vava (Pace) Albertson. She graduated from New Haven High School.

Surviving are five sons, Charles Hall of Angola, Clarence Hall of Fremont, Carl Hall of Angola, and Terry Petre of Angola; three daughters, Marsha Seevers of Hamilton, Arnita Petre of Columbus, and Betty Strong of Fremont; two brothers, Charles Albertson of

Garrett, and Richard Albertson or Andrews; a sister, Veda Smith of Wyoming; 23 grandchildren; one step-grandchild; 22 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank Hall, in 1948; her second husband, Roderick Petre, in 1992; a daughter, Sandra Stultz, in 1982; and two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Minister John Garrison officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.



Randle Hewitt

FORT WAYNE — Randle Lee Hewitt, 48, of Fort Wayne, died at 6:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne. He had been seriously ill for the last two months.

Mr. Hewitt had been a resident of Fort Wayne since 1995, after moving from Kendallville. He had been employed by the B & O Railroad until he was disabled in an auto accident. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

He was born Feb. 11, 1952, in Fort Wayne, to Hershel Leroy Sr. and Lila Lavern (Burns) Hewitt.

On July 22, 1995, he married Patricia Ann Wagner. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two brothers, Hershel Hewitt Jr. and Michael Hewitt, both from Kimmell; and three sisters, Linda Hewitt of Rochester, Karen Weaver of Goshen and Penny Owsley of Rome City.

His parents and two sisters, Virgie and Vickie, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Mr. Hewitt's sister, the Rev. Linda Hewitt, officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

James J. Bright

ANGOLA — James J. Bright, 74, of Lake James, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at his residence.

He was the former owner of Holiday Marine, now known as The Boathouse at Lake James. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Bright was born Dec. 28, 1926, in Marion to Reed and Mary Ellen (Burns) Bright.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Chris Bright of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Mike McBride of Indianapolis; and three grandsons.

He was predeceased in death by his wife, Nadeen Bright, in 1992.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman R. Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in

Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Community Foundation and Steuben County Humane Society.

Troas Wise

AUBURN — Troas May Wise, 92, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a teacher at Ashley High School for five years. She formerly lived in New Jersey and Iowa. She was a 1930 graduate of Indiana University.

She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, PEO, DAC, Minerva Club, Stitch and Chatter, Sew & So, DeKalb County Historical Society, Wise Owl Quester Club, Friends of Eckhart Public Library, and several sororities.

She was a former member of Omicron Nu National Home Extension Club.

Mrs. Wise was born June 1, 1908, in Corunna to John and

Rosetta (Cox) May. They preceded her in death.

She married Orris Wise, and he died Aug. 2, 1986.

Surviving her are three grandchildren, Brian Wise, John Wise and Amy Wacha.

One son, John Wise, and one sister, Marjorie May, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Duane 'Dewey' Trubey

AUBURN — Duane Allen "Dewey" Trubey, 38, of Auburn, died in a traffic accident Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Trubey owned and operated 3D Construction.

He was born in Auburn Oct. 5, 1962, to Max W. and Carolyn J. Trubey. On Dec. 23, 1993, he married his wife, Tracy, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Nathan; a daughter, Taneka; a stepson, Doug Hicks; a brother, Dennis Trubey; and a sister, Debra Fike.

His grandparents preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Trubey family.



Agnes Riecke

CHURUBUSCO — Agnes V. Riecke, 93, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A homemaker, Mrs. Riecke attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic School at Ege, and was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Society.

She was born in Ege on Jan. 10, 1907, to John and Petronella (Konger) Bianski. On May 3, 1928, she married Clem Riecke, and the couple moved to Churubusco in 1944.

Her husband preceded her in death on July 18, 1979. Her only child, Robert L. Riecke died Jan. 23, 1999. Also preceding her in death were three brothers and four sisters.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Riecke of Churubusco; five granddaughters and their husbands, Ann and Bill Koehl of Fort Wayne, Marcia and Don Hovermale of Omaha, Neb., and Nancy and John Richards, Linda and Fred Richards and Amy and Doug Pence, all of Churubusco; three grandsons and their wives, Tom and Mary Riecke and Kevin and Trina Riecke of Fort Wayne and Brian and Debbie Riecke of Hometown; 30 great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m.

Dean Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Dean O. Robinson, 75, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mr. Robinson retired in 1981 as a vice president of Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. He was a past board member of the National Foundry Association and past Kendallville city councilman. A Huntington High School and Indiana University graduate, he was a lifetime member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 3, 1925, in Huntington to Oosterling and Sara (Hoffman) Robinson. He married Norma Bowman on Dec. 3, 1950, and his wife survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Aimee and Rolf Daniel of Fort Wayne and Beth and Brad DeHoff of Indianapolis; a brother, Wally Robinson of Seattle, Wash.; four grandsons, Nathan Daniel of Fort Wayne and Brandon, Ryan and Kyle DeHoff of Indianapolis; and a granddaughter, Kristen Daniel of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday in the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Rosa Miller

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Rosa M. Miller, 81, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Born in Allen County, she was a homemaker, foster mother, Harlan High School graduate and a member of Maplewood Mennonite Church.

Survivors include four sons, R. Max Miller of Auburn; Donald L. Miller of Fort Wayne, Rob Hartnett of Alabama and Tony Jones of Waterloo; a daughter, Dawn McFarland of Auburn; two brothers, Noah Delagrange of Spencerville and Amos Delagrange of Woodburn; two sisters, Lea Leighty of Elkhart and Det Stauffer of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern, in 1976; two sons, Kermit L. and Kenneth L. Miller; a daughter, Mary Lou Fischer, and her parents, Amos and Mary (Miller) Delagrange.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial is in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is Monday from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.



Joseph Reading

PORTLAND, Ind. — Joseph W. Reading, 74, of Portland, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at 8 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reading worked as a lineman for Indiana & Michigan Power Co. for 18 years and as a lineman for the Florida Power Co. for 10 years. He was a member of the Portland Coonhunters Club.

He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Eaton, Ind.

Surviving are four daughters, Christie Overmyer of Ashley, Lou Burnside of Tampa, Fla., Sharon K. Reading of Gainesville, Fla., and Lora Moore of Hialeah Gardens, Fla.; a son, Joseph Reading Jr. of Georgia; a brother, Arthur Reading of Muncie; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Archie L. Reading, in November 1994, five brothers, eight sisters and his parents.

There will be no services or calling. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Tackels

GARRETT — Steven Lewis Tackels, 36, of Garrett, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in a traffic accident in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mr. Tackels worked in construction and in various other trades.

He was born Feb. 19, 1964, in Fort Wayne to Charles L. and Wanda A. (Dove) Tackels. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marie L. Tackels and Sandra Kay and Gerald Brown; a brother, Daniel Walter Tackels; three daughters, Teca Marie, Emalee Elizabeth Jo and Lynsie Danae; a son, Robert Steven Lewis; two nephews, Jeremy and Chad; nine nieces, Jessica, Bonnie, Crystal, Melissa, Amanda, Kaysia, Breanna, Katelynn and Dianah; and four great-nieces.

Services will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Chaplain James Archembeault officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Tackels' children

James Patterson

ROME CITY — James O. Patterson, 72, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at his Rome City home.

Mr. Patterson retired from Starcraft in 1976, and lived in Rome City for about 35 years.

A Korean War veteran, he was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Patterson was born Dec. 5, 1928, in Hazard, Ky., to Willie and Martha (Lichliter) Patterson. On Nov. 26, 1951, he married Bethel Combs, and she survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim of Rome City and Otis Darrell and Michael and Jennifer Patterson, all of Albion; and two grandchildren, Drew and Jessie Patterson of Albion.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange, with Wade Sturdivant and David Bolen officiating.

Calling will be at the church after 5 p.m. today and all day and evening at the church on Monday, with a service Monday at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Julia Nickles

COLDWATER, Mich. — Julia A. Nickles, 65, formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had retired from Midwest Foundry and enjoyed knitting, crafts and cooking.

She was born Nov. 16, 1935, in Albion, Mich., to Merle and Jessie Mae (Gray) Wardwell. She married Ralph Cole, and he preceded her in death in May, 2000. A son, Dean, died in 1994.

Surviving are eight daughters, Ina Gollnick, Patty Callahan and Harriet Cole, all of Coldwater; Nillie Moyer of Allen, Mich.; Katrena Petry of Angola, Tracy Taner of Camden, Mich.; Rita Ake of Sturgis, Mich., and Joy Hasting of Union City, Mich.; five sons, James of Coldwater, Ollie of Reading, Mich., Floyd of Allen, Mich., Robert of Paris, Ky. and William of Florida; a brother, Dale Wardell of Albion, Mich.; 23 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.





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